

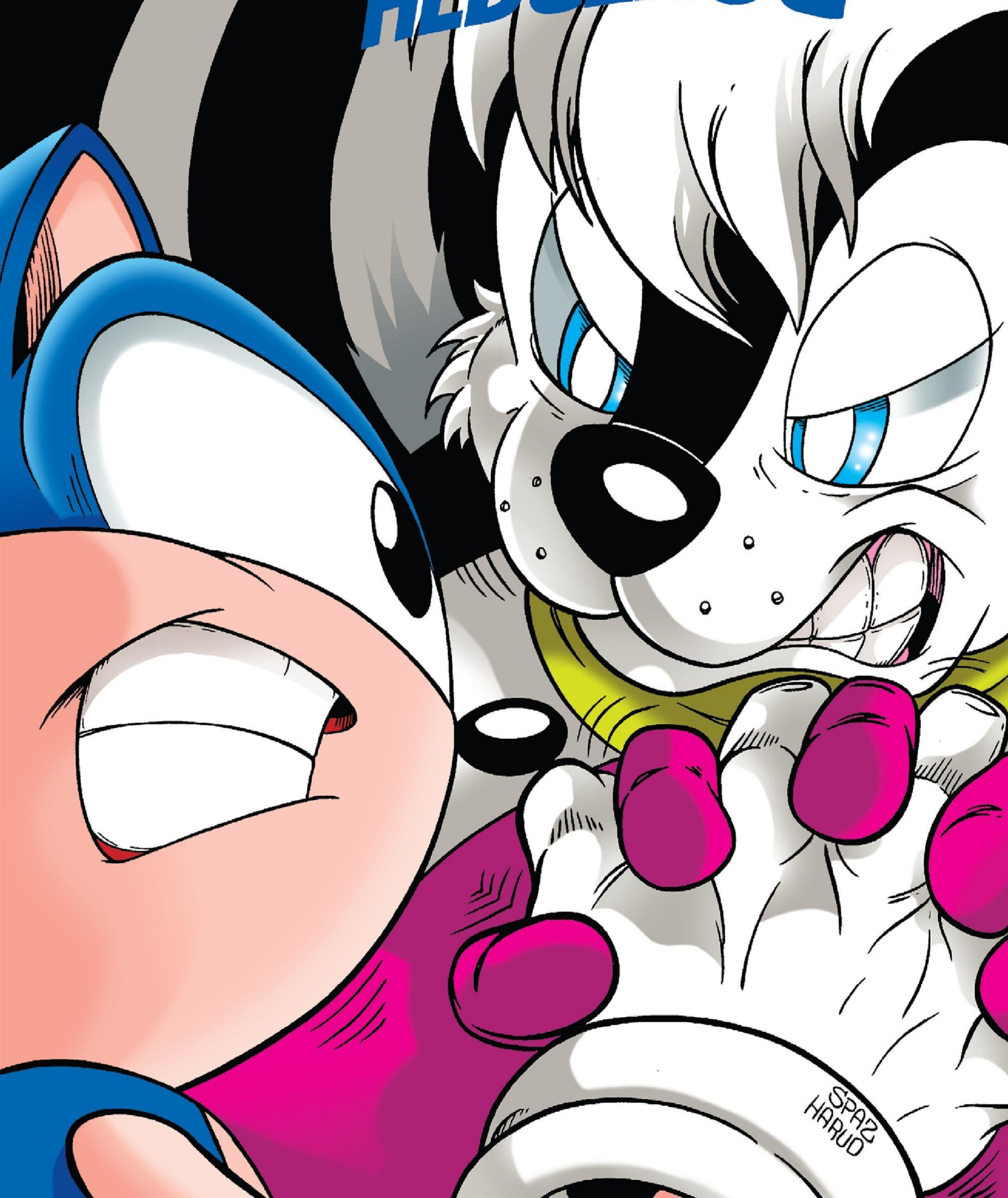
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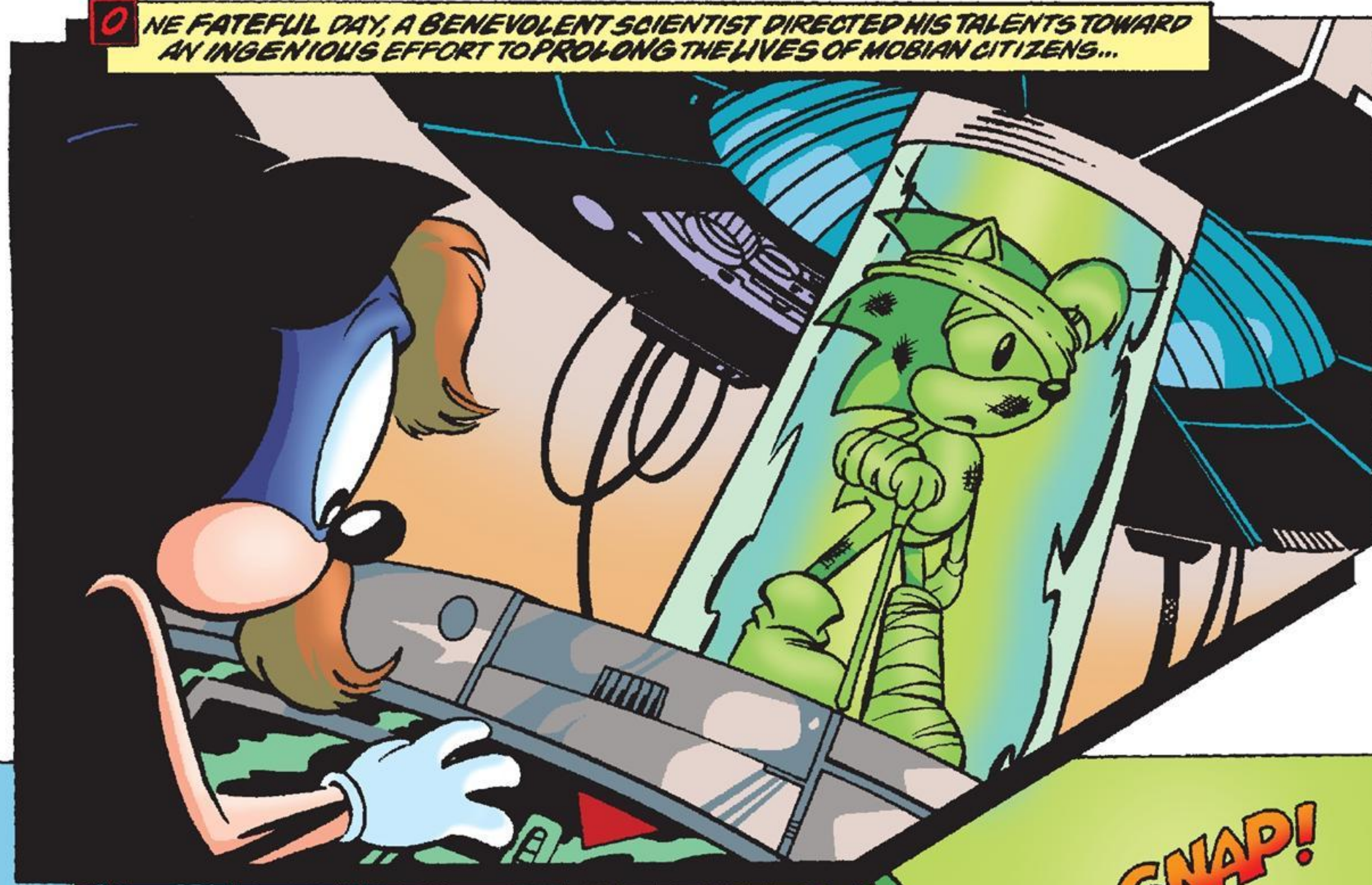
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THE HEDGEHOG™

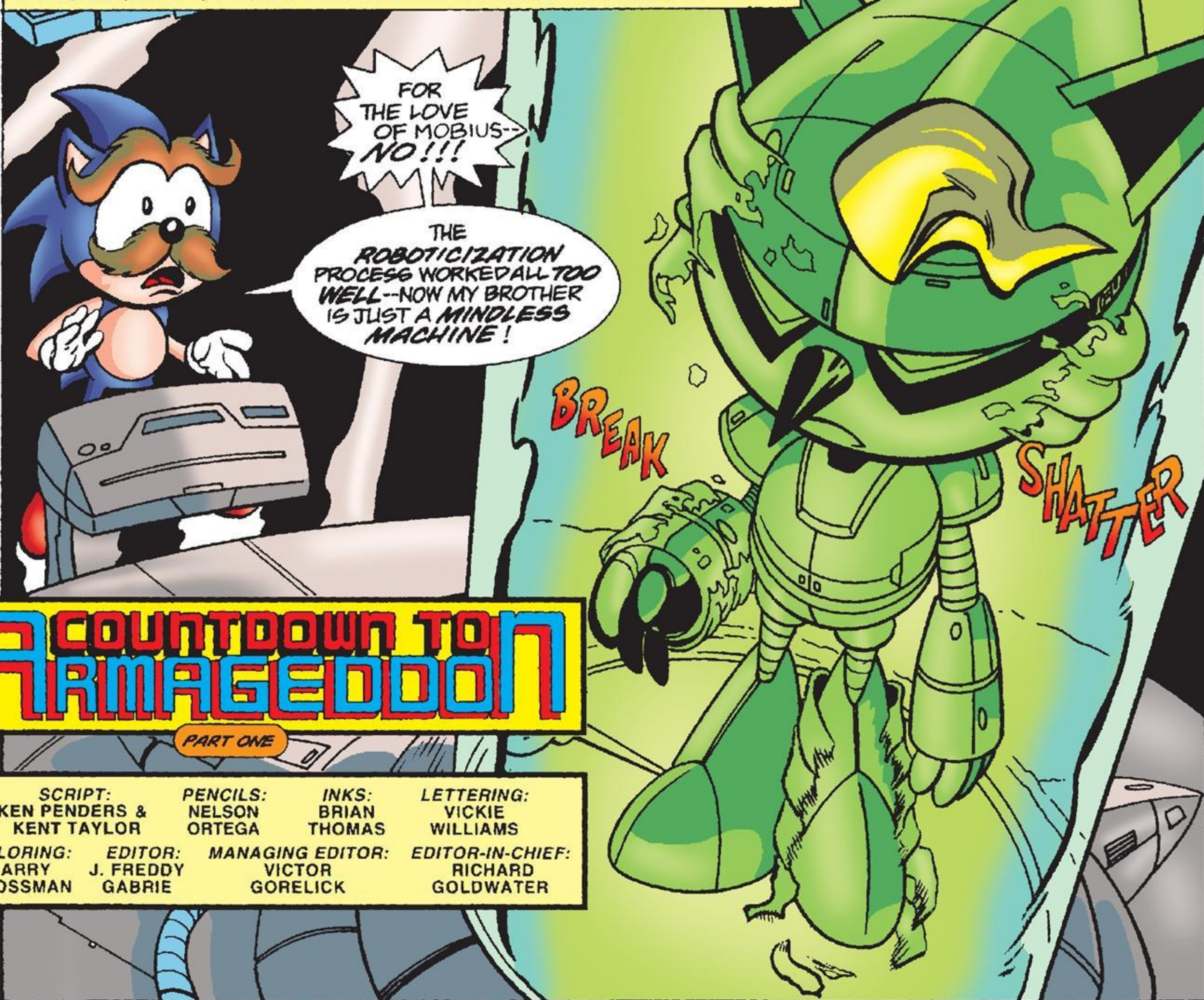


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ONE FATEFUL DAY, A BENEVOLENT SCIENTIST DIRECTED HIS TALENTS TOWARD AN INGENUOUS EFFORT TO PROLONG THE LIVES OF MOBIAN CITIZENS...



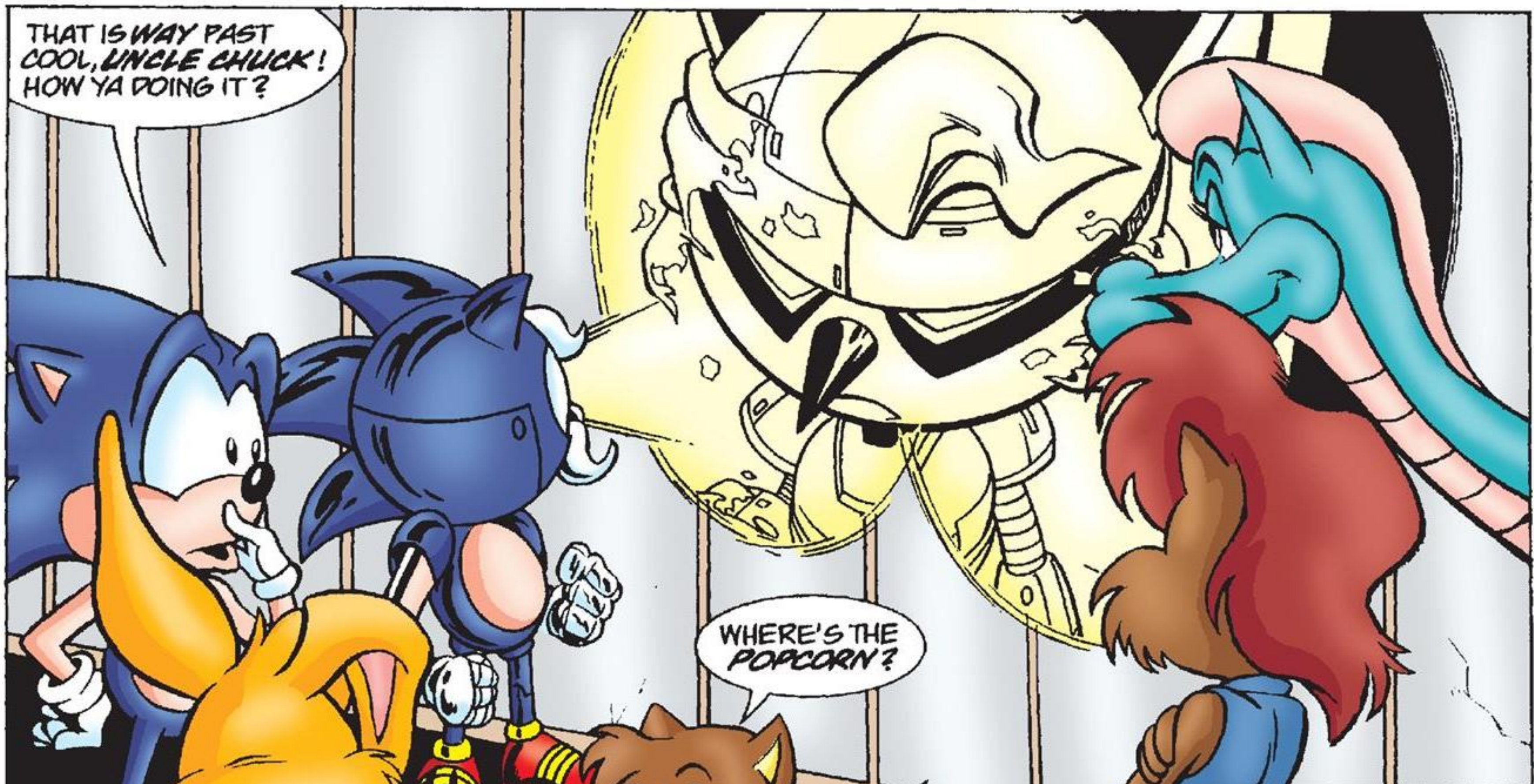
...AND IN DOING SO, INADVERTENTLY CREATED AN INSTRUMENT OF DOMINATION, USED AS PART OF A SWEEPING TIDE OF TYRANNY, SIGNALING THE DOWNFALL OF PLANET MOBIUS AND ITS KINGDOM OF ACORN!



A COUNTDOWN TO ARMAGEDDON

PART ONE

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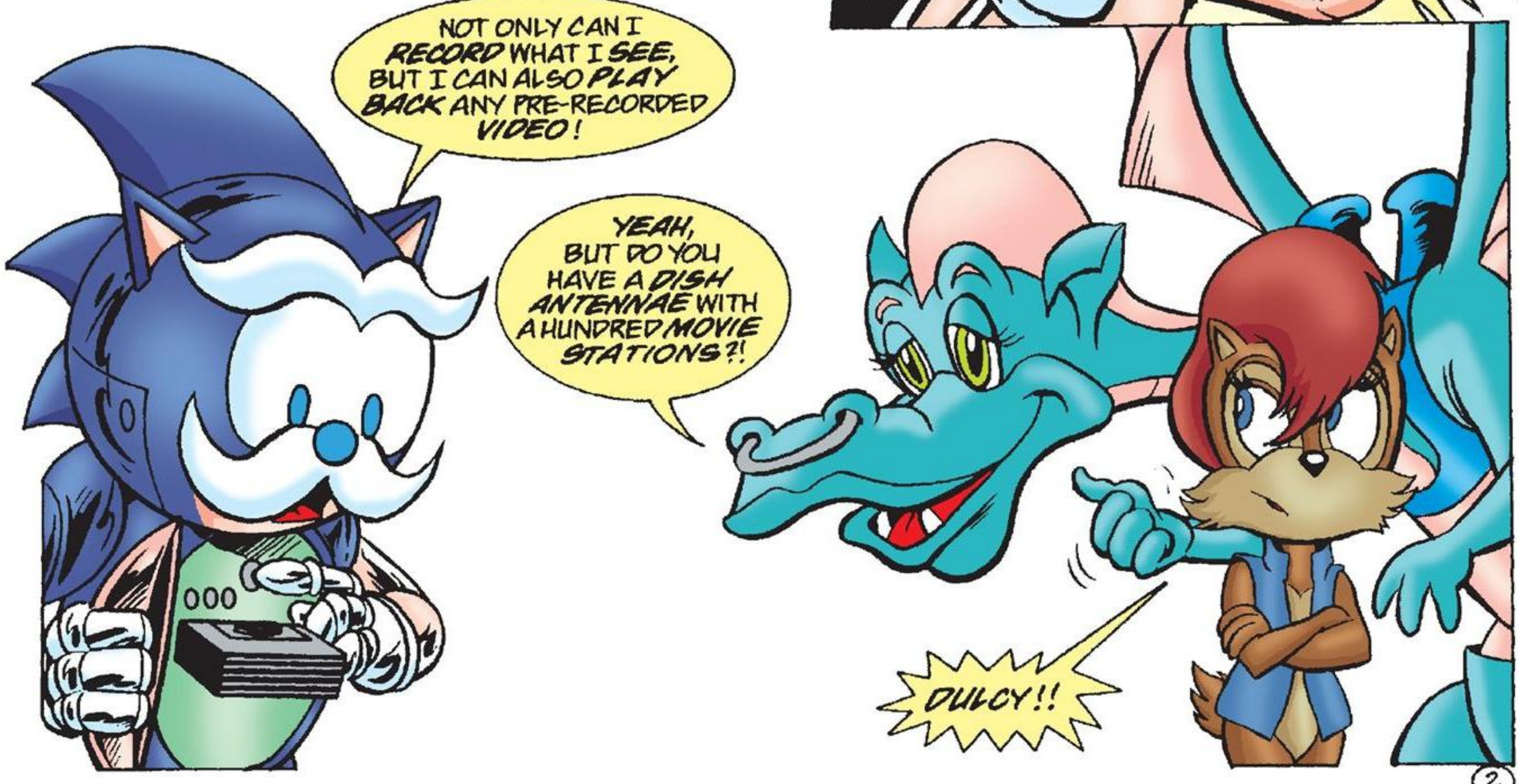


THAT IS WAY PAST COOL, UNCLE CHUCK! HOW YA DOING IT?

WHERE'S THE POPCORN?



WELL, SONIC, WHAT KIND OF SPY WOULD I BE IF I DIDN'T INSTALL THE NEWEST DIGITAL VIDEO TECHNOLOGY DIRECTLY INTO MY OPTIC SENSORS?!



NOT ONLY CAN I RECORD WHAT I SEE, BUT I CAN ALSO PLAY BACK ANY PRE-RECORDED VIDEO!

YEAH, BUT DO YOU HAVE A DISH ANTENNAE WITH A HUNDRED MOVIE STATIONS?!

DULCY!!

NOT QUITE.
HOWEVER--

--RETRIEVED FROM
ROBOTROPOLIS BY MY *SPY*
NETWORK, THIS VIDEO IS
A BY-PRODUCT OF A SECRET
SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM
USED IN THE FORMER
ROYAL PALACE--

"--AND PROVIDES PROOF THAT
ROBOTNIK, IN HIS FORMER
IDENTITY AS *WARLORD*
JULIAN, SABOTAGED MY
ORIGINAL ROBOTICIZER!"

"IT WAS HIS INTERVENTION
THAT TRANSFORMED A
TOOL OF MEDICINE INTO A
WEAPON OF WAR."

AND EXCEPT FOR A
FEW TIMES WHEN WE WERE
LUCKY*, I DON'T THINK
WE'LL EVER BE ABLE TO
DEROBOTICIZE ALL
THOSE POOR SOULS!

SOME
HUMANITARIAN
I AM!

* CHECK OUT
SONIC #37--
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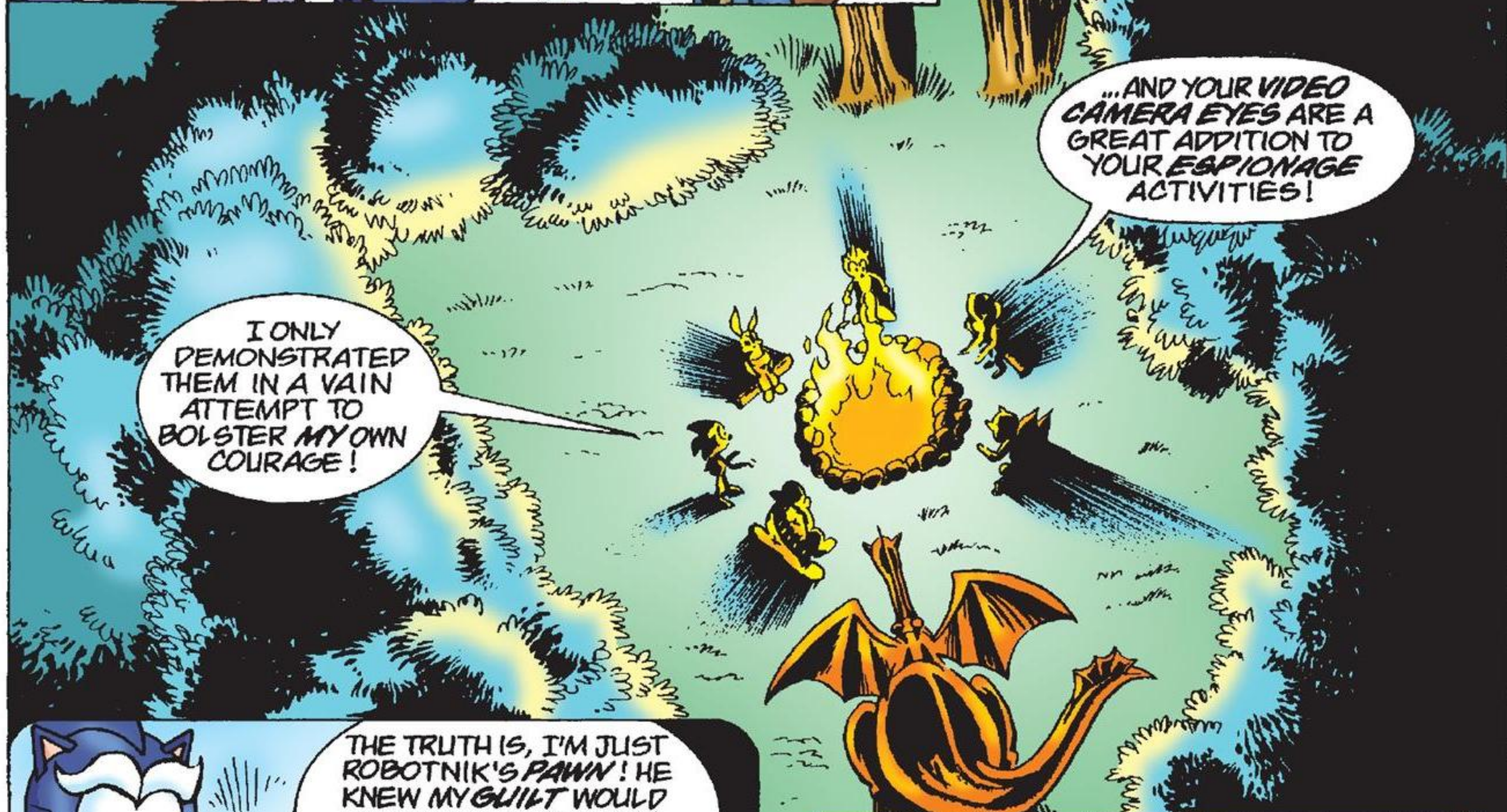


IT'S *NOT* YOUR FAULT!

DON'T *DESPAIR*! I HAVE AN IDEA--WHILE ROTOR LOOKS AFTER FATHER, THIS WOULD BE A *PERFECT* TIME FOR ONE OF MY SPECIAL *MILITARY RETREATS*!

AS TWILIGHT DESCENDS, PRINCESS SALLY ATTEMPTS TO USE THE PICTURESQUE GREAT FOREST AS A SERENE BACKDROP TO RENEW HER TROOPS' RESOLVE...

...BUT AS THE CAMPFIRE POW-WOW TAKES PLACE...



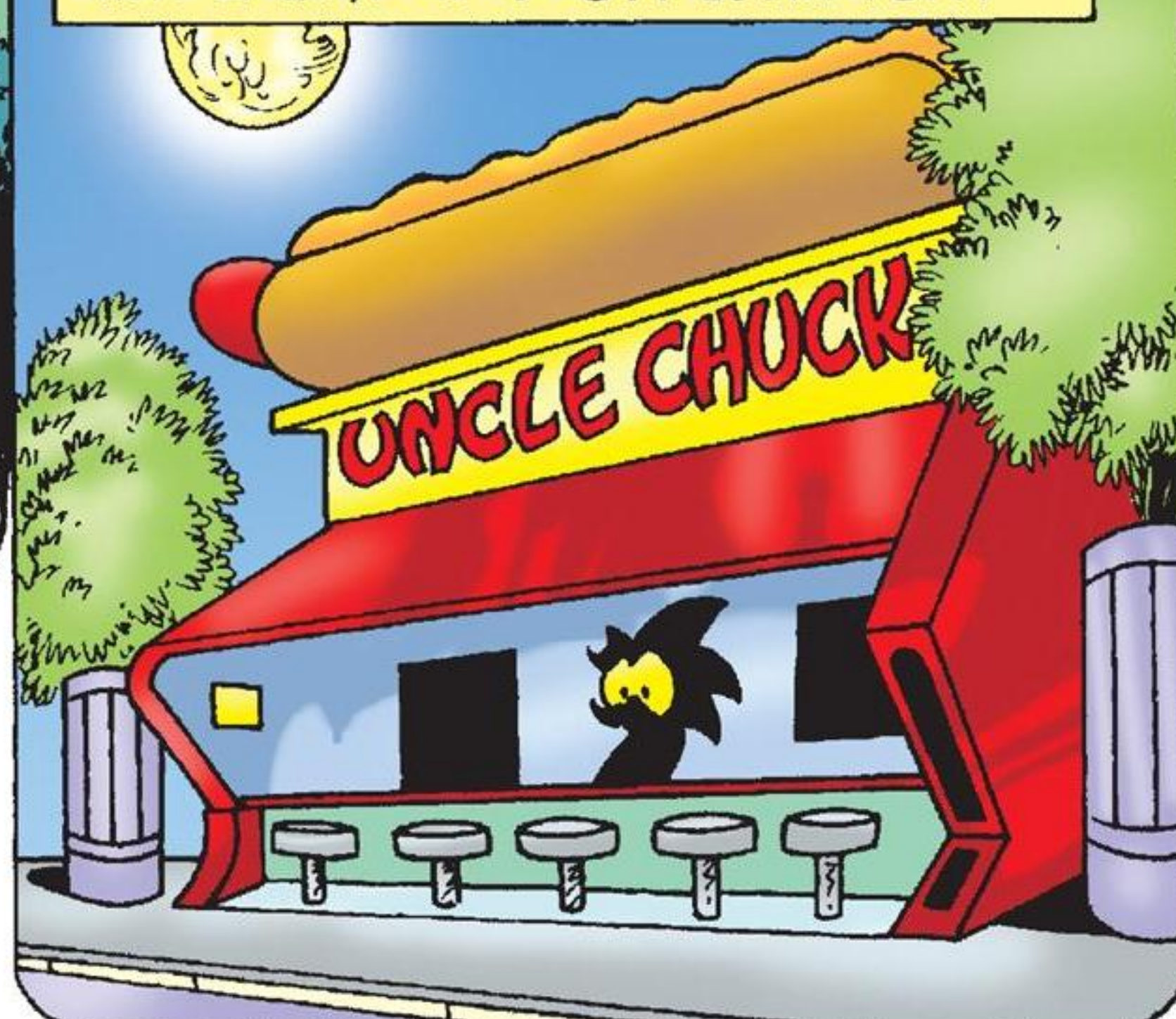
I ONLY DEMONSTRATED THEM IN A VAIN ATTEMPT TO BOLSTER MY OWN COURAGE!

...AND YOUR VIDEO CAMERA EYES ARE A GREAT ADDITION TO YOUR ESPIONAGE ACTIVITIES!



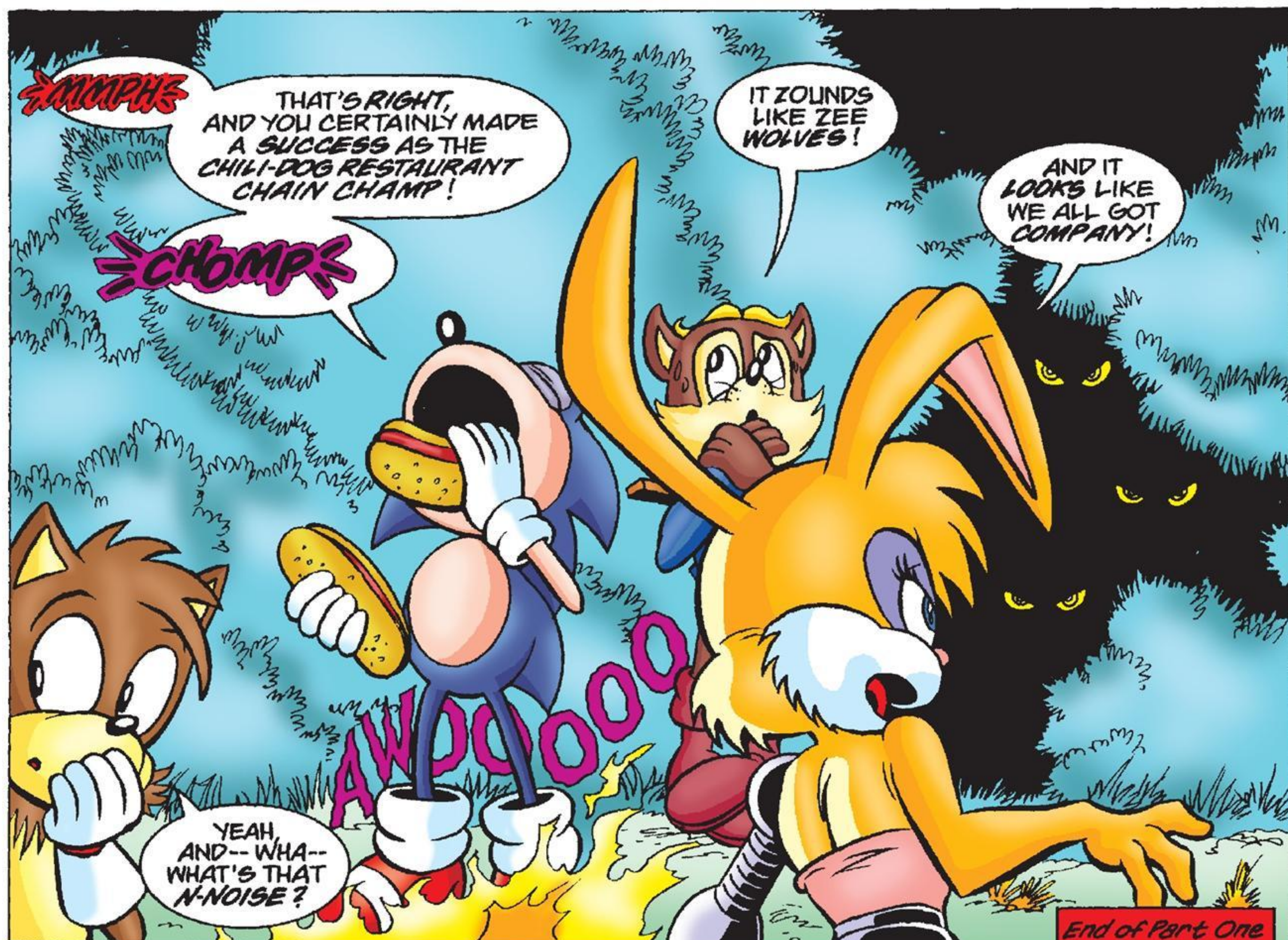
THE TRUTH IS, I'M JUST ROBOTNIK'S *PAWN*! HE KNEW MY *GUILT* WOULD FORCE ME TO *RESIGN* MY POSITION AS THE KINGDOM'S *SCIENTIFIC ADVISOR*!

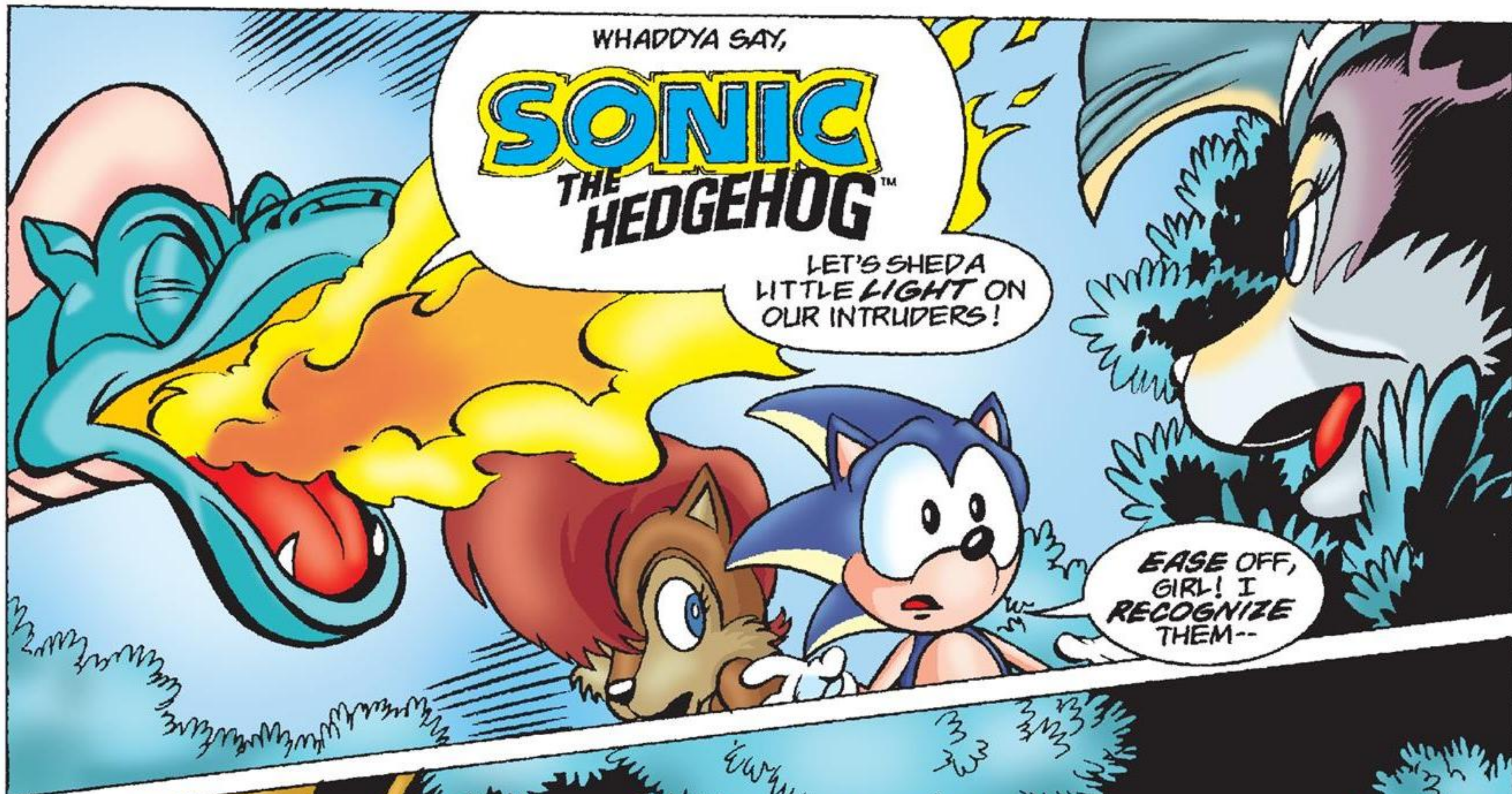
"SO I SUPPRESSED MY REMORSE BY TRANSFORMING FROM SIR CHARLES, INVENTOR, TO UNCLE CHUCK, CHILI-DOG PROPRIETOR!"





* SONIC #42--EDITOR AGAIN!





WHADDYA SAY,
SONIC
THE
HEDGEHOG™

LET'S SHED A
LITTLE LIGHT ON
OUR INTRUDERS!

EASE OFF,
GIRL! I
RECOGNIZE
THEM--



--THEY'RE THE
BAND OF FREEDOM
FIGHTERS KNOWN AS--
THE WOLFPACK!*

LUPE!
GOOD TO SEE
YOU!

GREETINGS, PRINCESS!
I'M GLAD WE STUMBLED ON YOUR
FRIENDLY CAMPSITE AFTER
SUCH A FIERCE BATTLE!

* FIRST SEEN IN
THE ANIMATED
EPISODE "CRY
OF THE WOLF".
EDITOR.

A COUNTDOWN TO ARMAGEDDON

PART TWO

AS THE COVERT GROUP OF FREEDOM FIGHTERS DETAIL THEIR RECENT CONFLICT...

--AND ROBOTNIK'S BUILDING A NEW LINE OF SUPER 'BOTS!

I HOPE THEY'RE NOT WORSE THAN HIS COMBOTS!*



DRAGO, DON'T YA LIKE YER CHILI DO--ER--CHILI WIENER?

YES, WHAT'S DISTURBING ME IS THAT AFTER LEAVING A DEN OF ROBOTS--



--WE ARE NOW FEEDING WITH ONE!

WHAT 'YA MEAN?! UNCLE CHUCK'S ONE OF US!

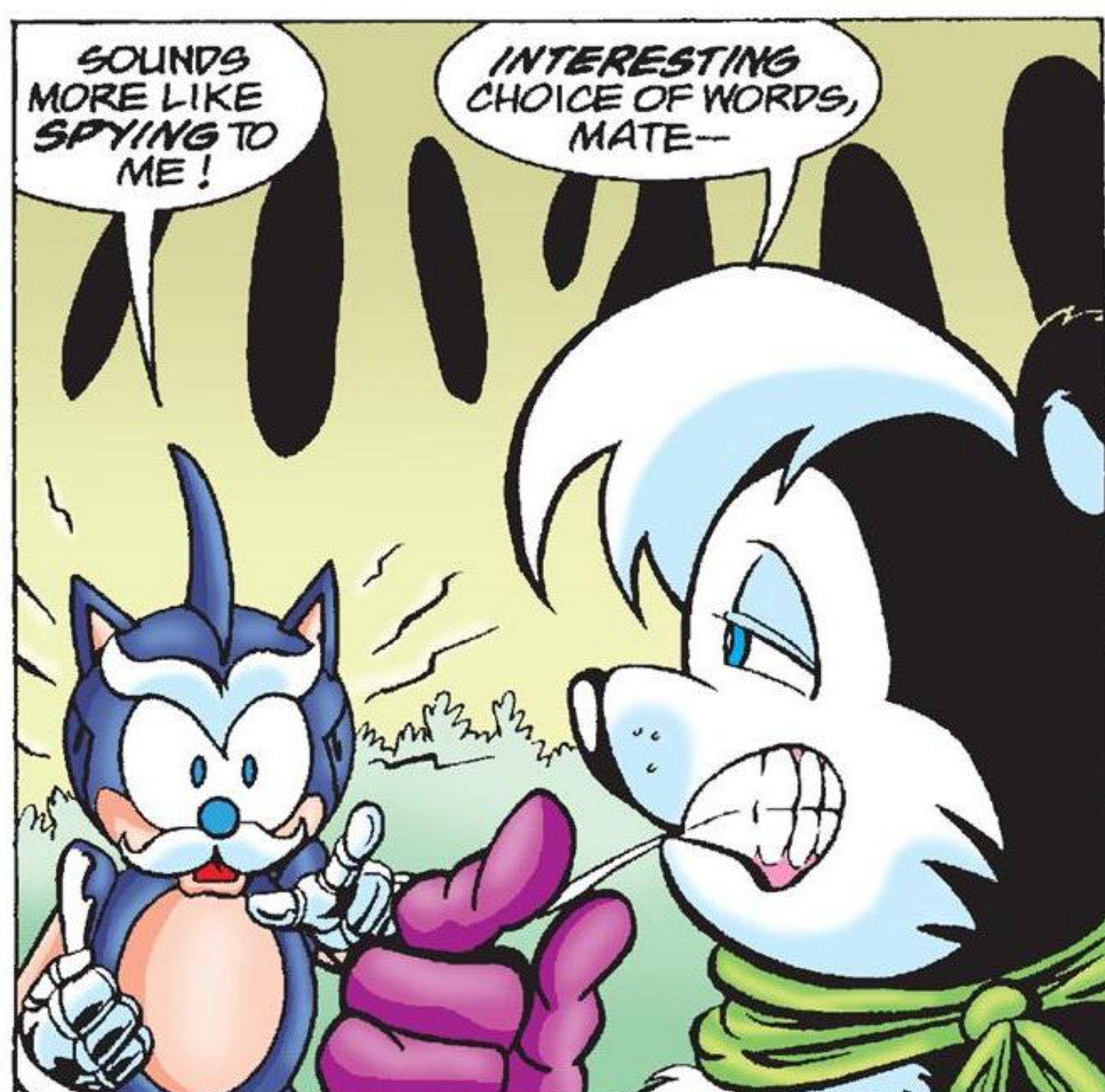


REALLY? HOW DO YOU KNOW HE'S NOT ROBOTNIK'S SPY?

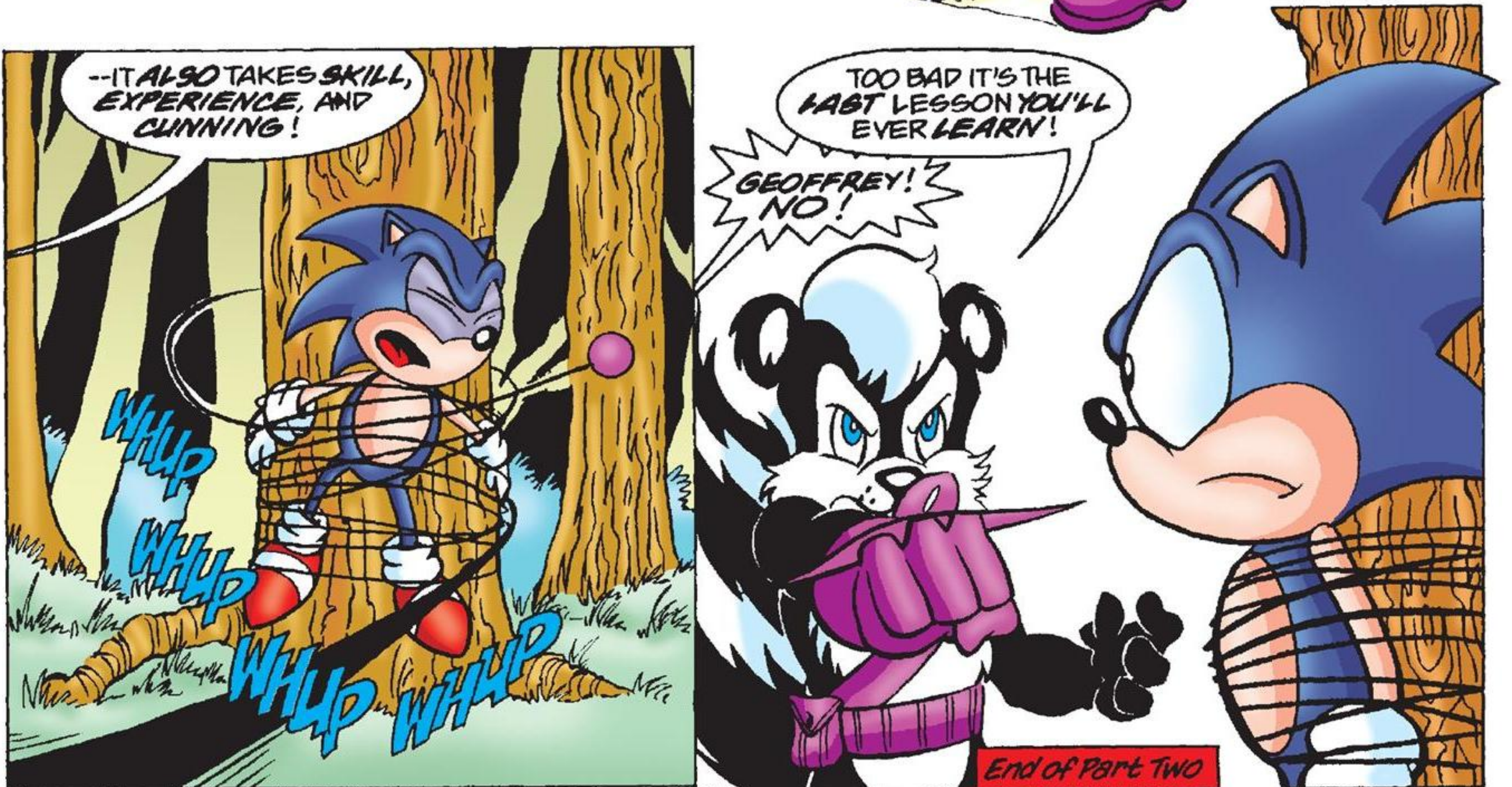
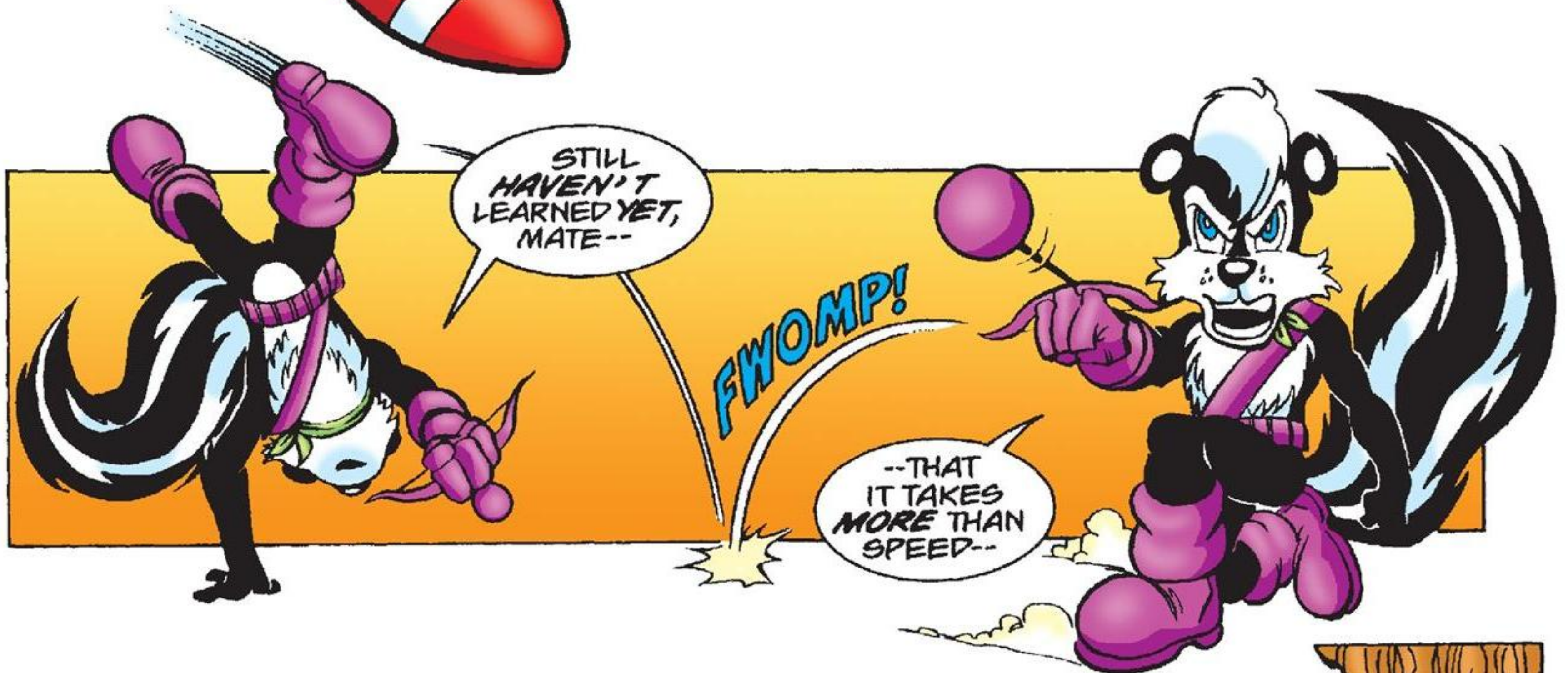
BECAUSE I SAY SO, TOUGH GUY!

--AND WHEN SONIC THE AMATEUR, SPEAKS, PEOPLE LISTEN!









A COUNTDOWN TO ARMAGEDDON

PART THREE

THAT EES ENOUGH!

THE 'EDGEHOG MAY BE ZEE IMBECILE LIKE YOU, BUT EVEN HE DOES NOT DESAIRVE DEATH!

THRACK!

SAVED AND INSULTED IN THE SAME SECOND-- NOW THAT'S SPEED!

WOW! WOTTA PUNCH!

WHAT'S YOUR PROBLEM, MATE? THIS DOESN'T INVOLVE YOU!

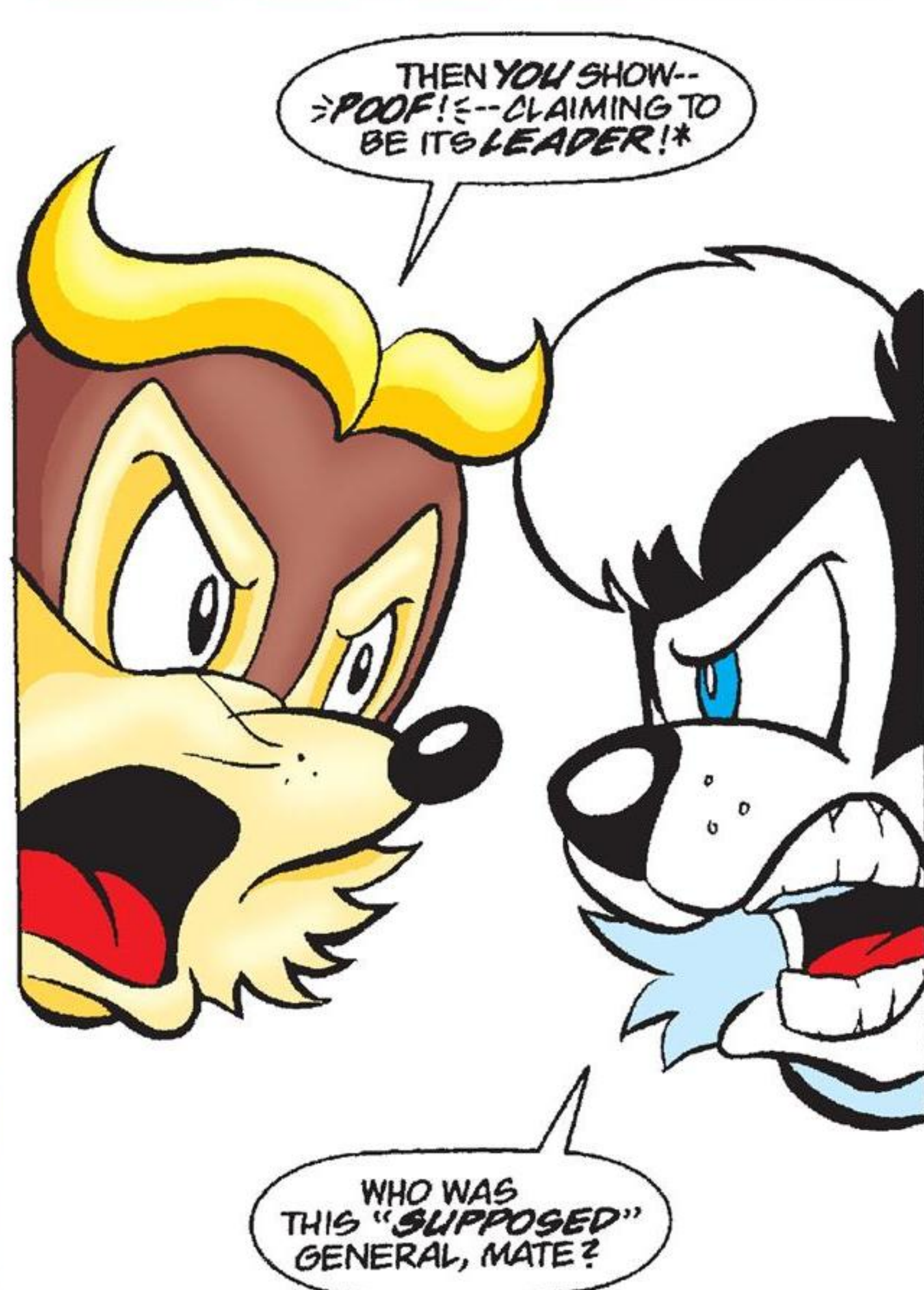
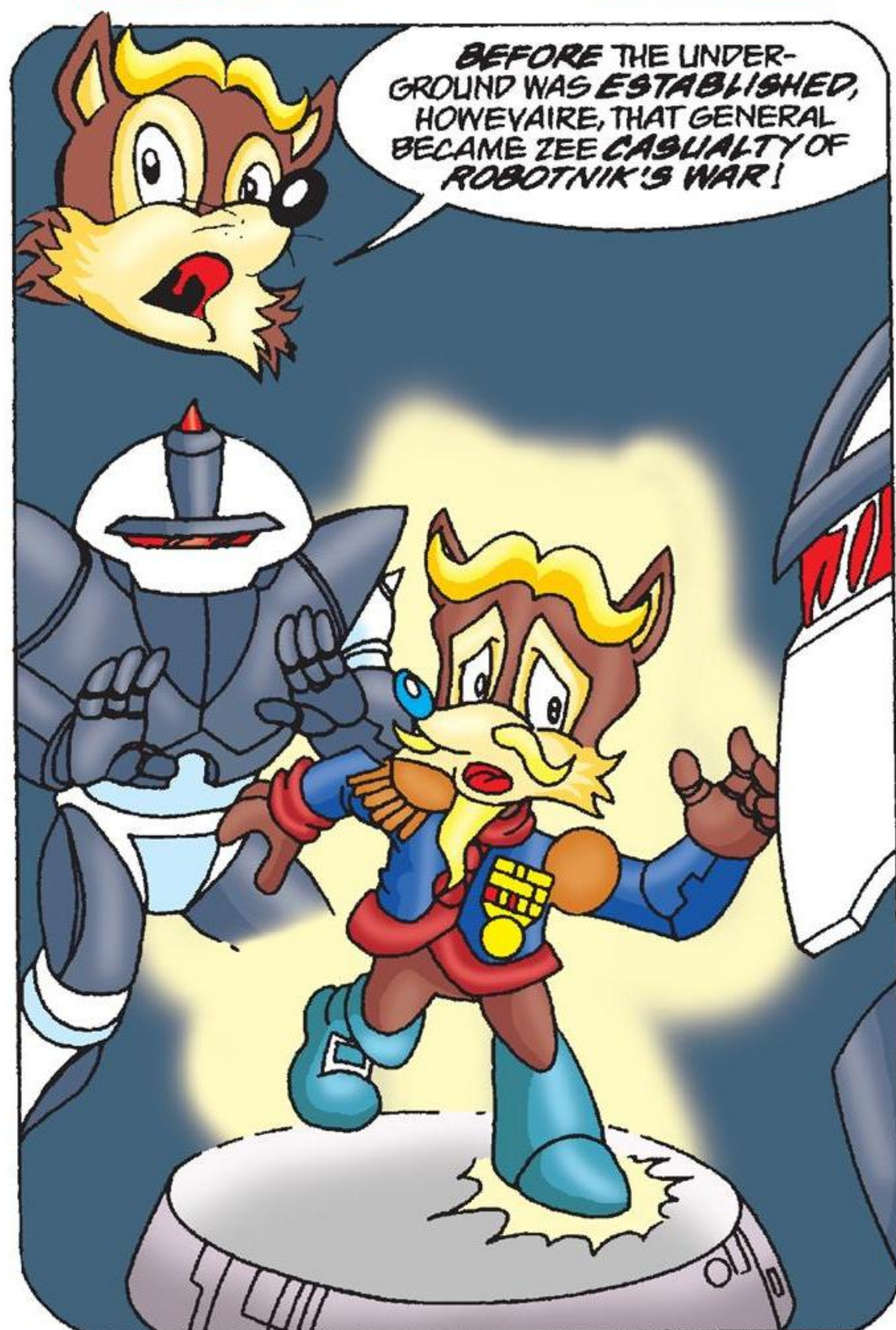
MY PROBLEM IS WITH YOU, L'PEW.

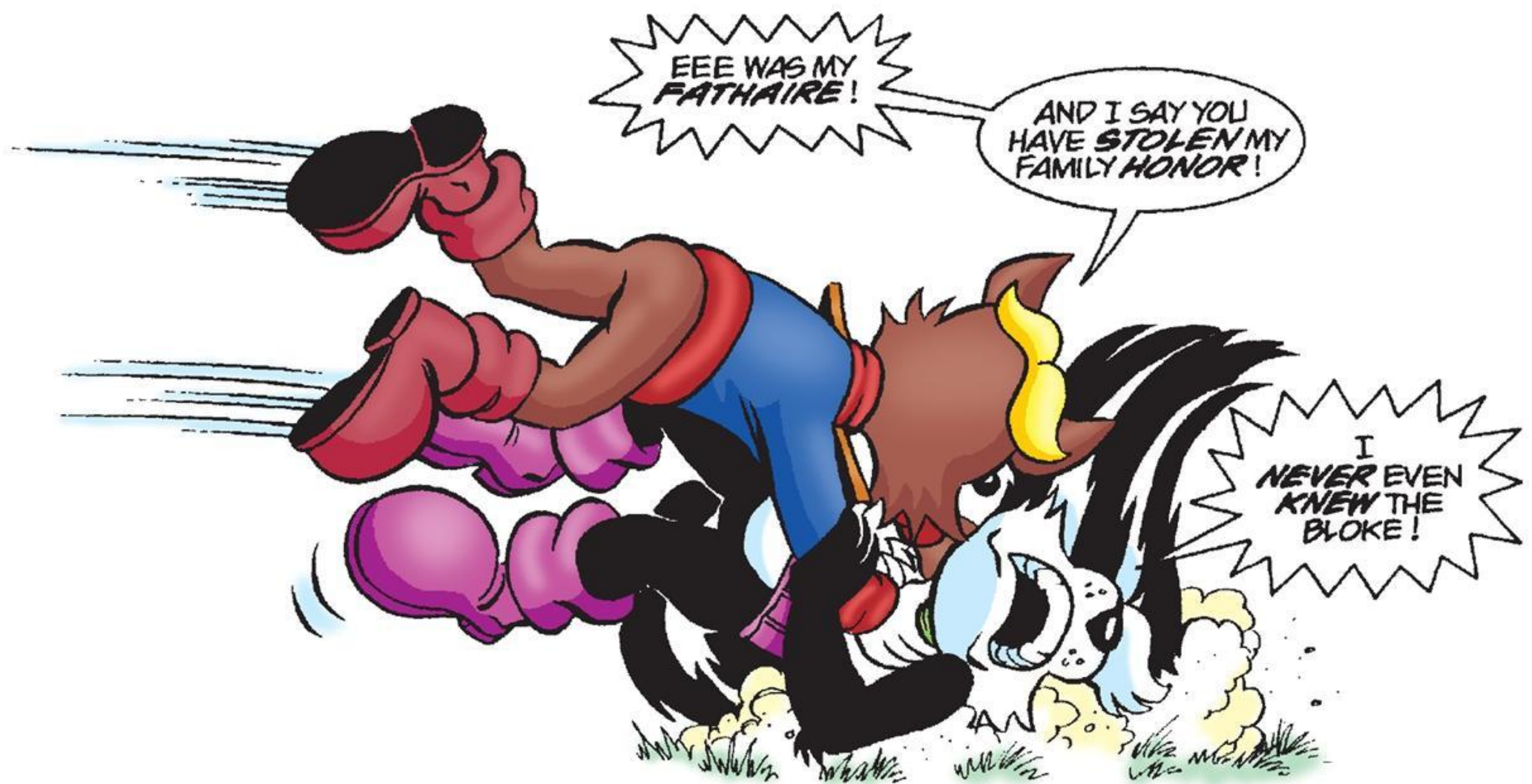
I WILL NO LONGER SUBDUE MY DOUBTS ABOUT YOU!

YOU DAIRE TO SAY UNCLE CHUCK IS ZEE TRAITOR?

NO! IT IS YOU WHO ARE ZEE SPY!

HOW CAN THAT BE?





NOPE! IN FACT,
IN THE **EARLY DAYS**
OF THE WAR, HE EVEN
SAVED MUH
LIFE!

KCHANG!

EVER THE DASHIN'
HERO, HE BOWED BEFORE
ROYALTY, OFFERING HIS
HONOR AND COURAGE TO
RESTORE THE REALM!

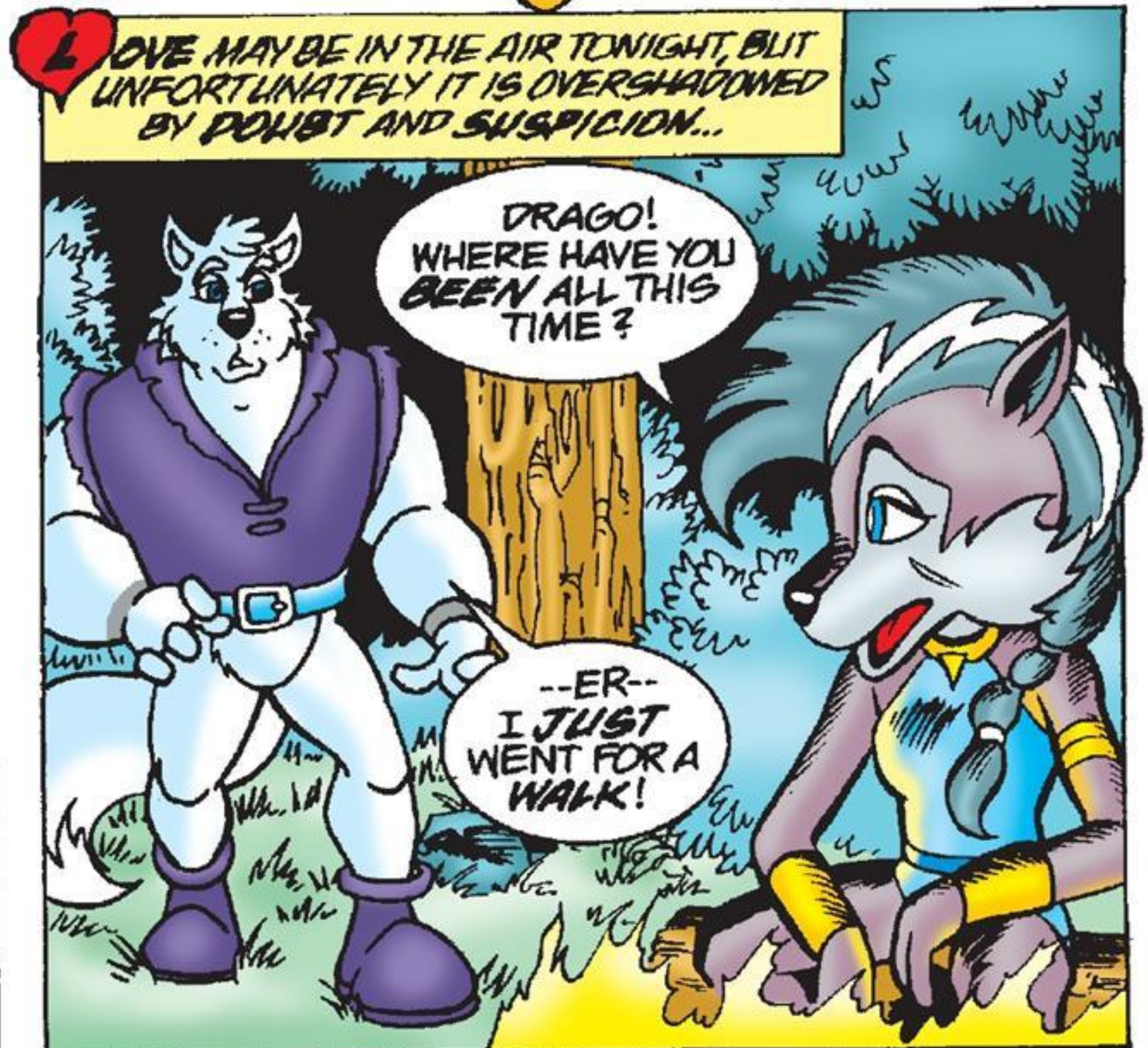
"IN TIME, HIS LOYALTY SPROUTED
TO MISGUIDED LOVE..."

BUT WITHOUT THE LOVE HE
CRAVED FROM SALLY OR HIS
MISSING FATHER, HE KINDA--
LOST HIS WAY!

GOSH, I
NEVER
KNEW!

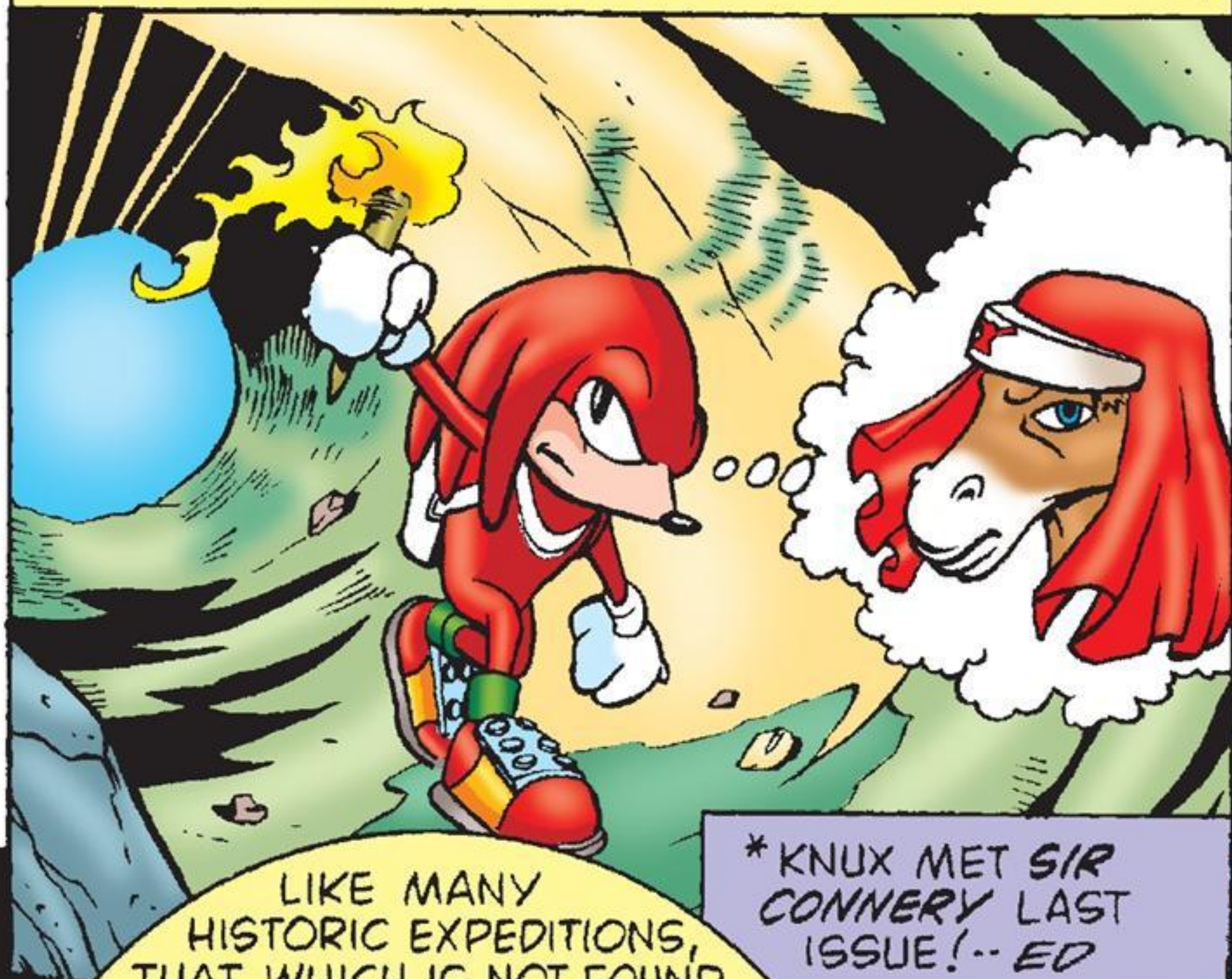
MAYBE I SHOULD
SAY **SOMETHING**
TO HIM!

NO--I'LL
GO...





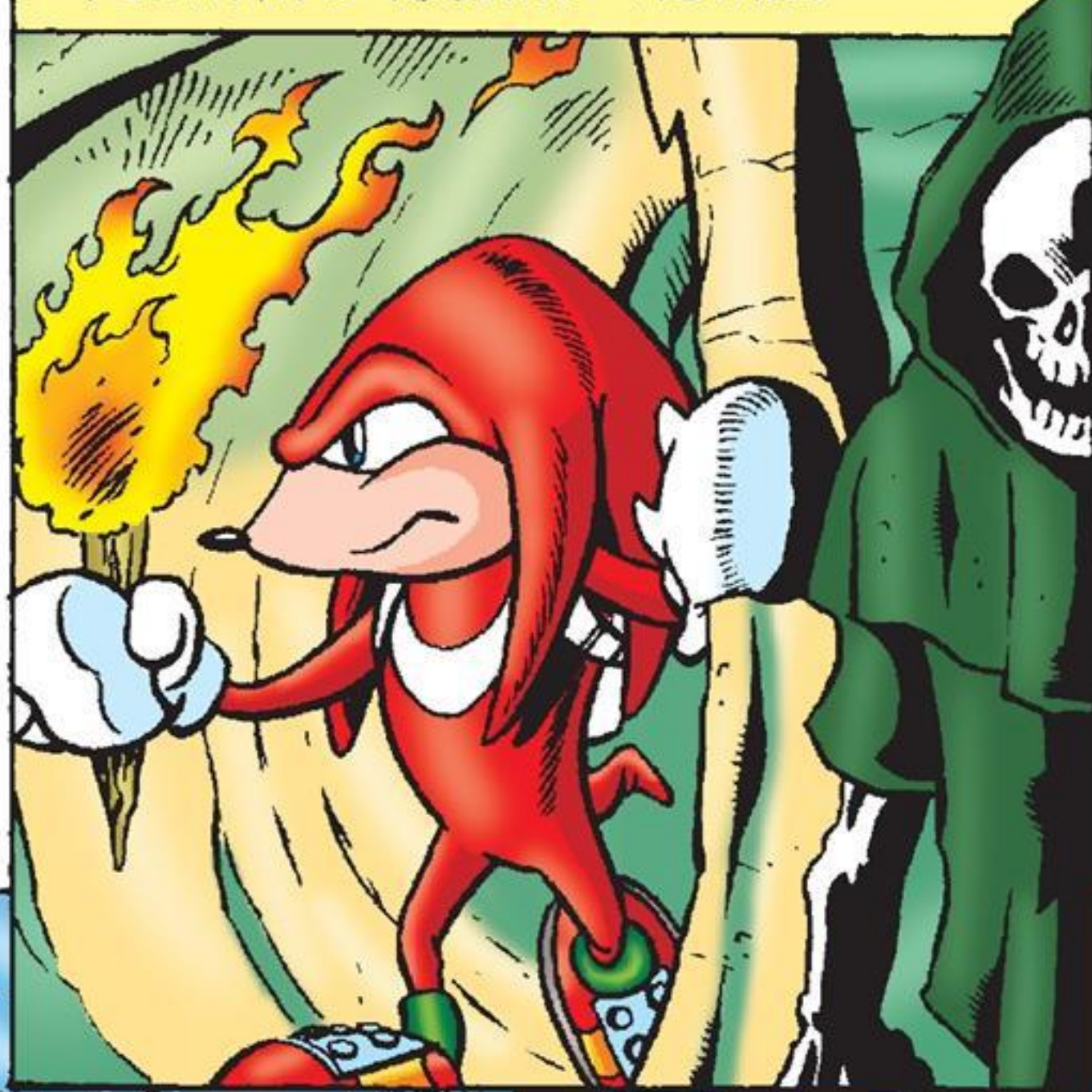
ON A QUEST TO FIND KING ACORN'S MAGIC SWORD, DESTINY DECREED **KNUCKLES** WOULD MEET A PALADIN!



LIKE MANY HISTORIC EXPEDITIONS, THAT WHICH IS NOT FOUND BY FORTITUDE...

* KNUX MET SIR CONNERY LAST ISSUE! -- ED

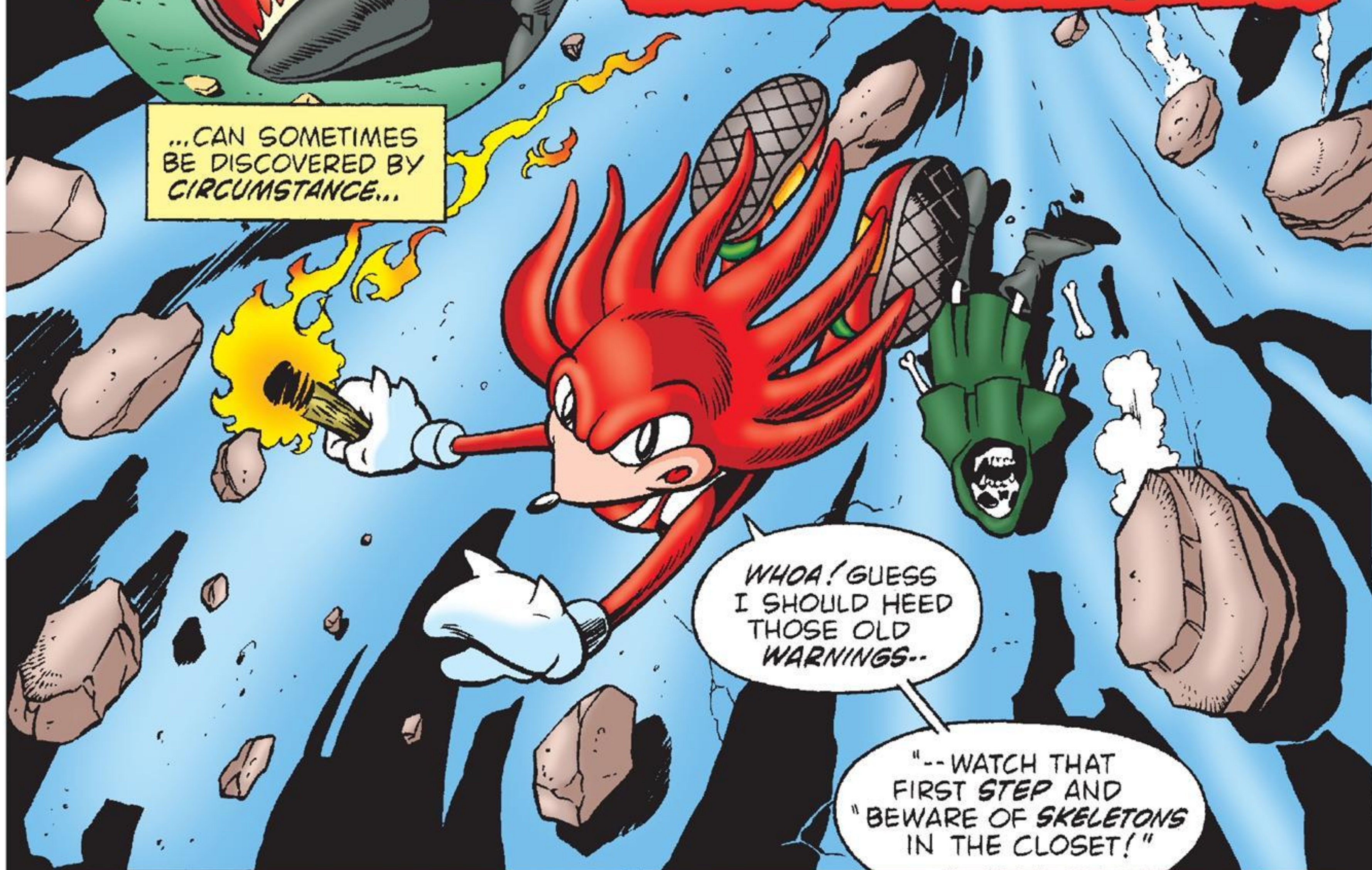
UNRAVELING THE HOLY KNIGHT'S CRYPTIC CLUES, THE HEROIC ECHIDNA VAINLY SEARCHES THE NUMEROUS CAVERNS OF HIS FLOATING ISLAND HOME.



KNUCKLES QUEST 4:

A GOAT, A RAVEN AND A SWAN SONG!

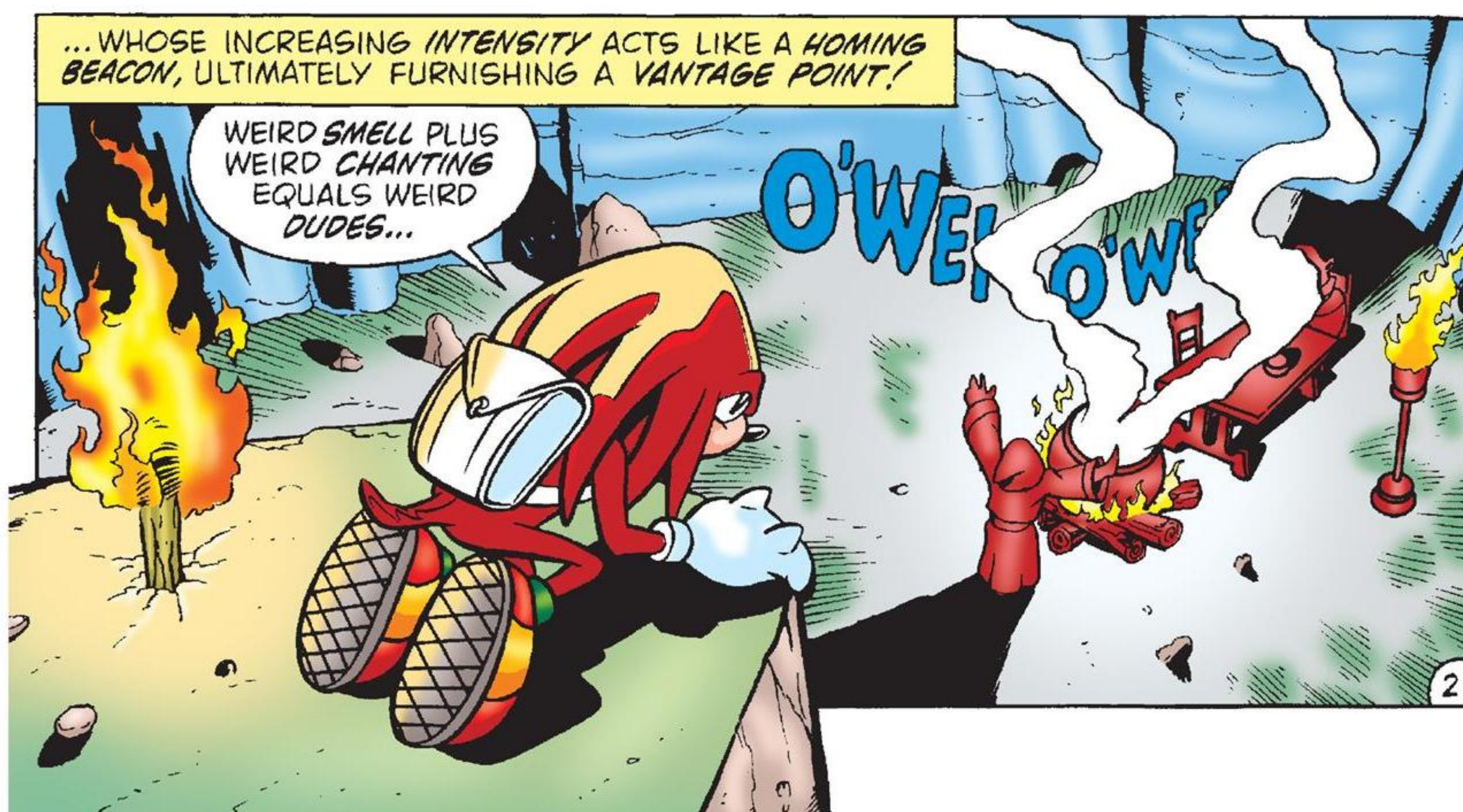
...CAN SOMETIMES BE DISCOVERED BY CIRCUMSTANCE...



WHOA! GUESS I SHOULD HEED THOSE OLD WARNINGS--

--WATCH THAT FIRST STEP AND "BEWARE OF SKELETONS IN THE CLOSET!"

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... AND THOSE WEIRDOS LOOK LIKE
THE *WIZARD* AND *ALCHEMIST* THE *ANCIENT*
WALKERS WARNED ME ABOUT! *

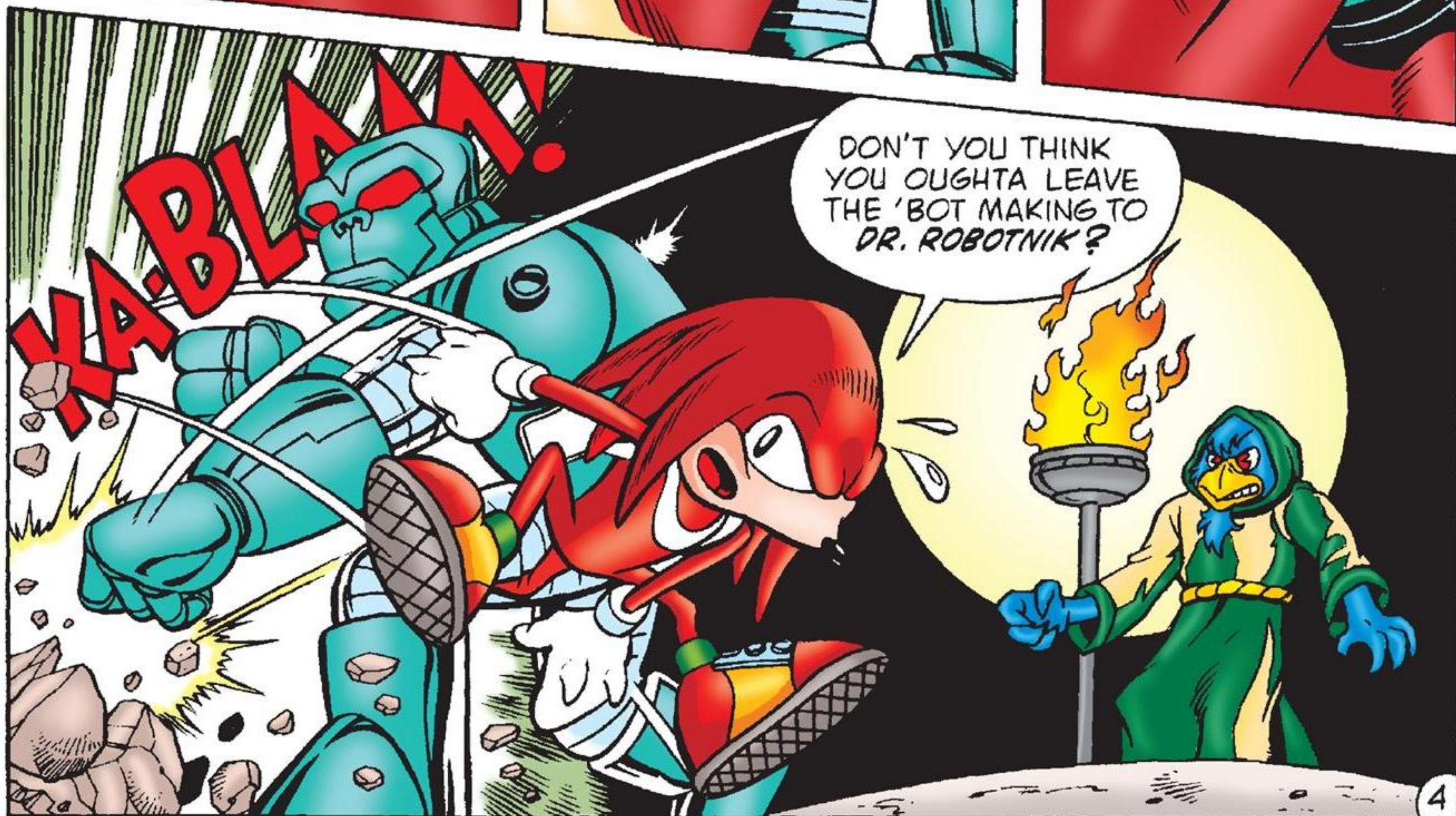
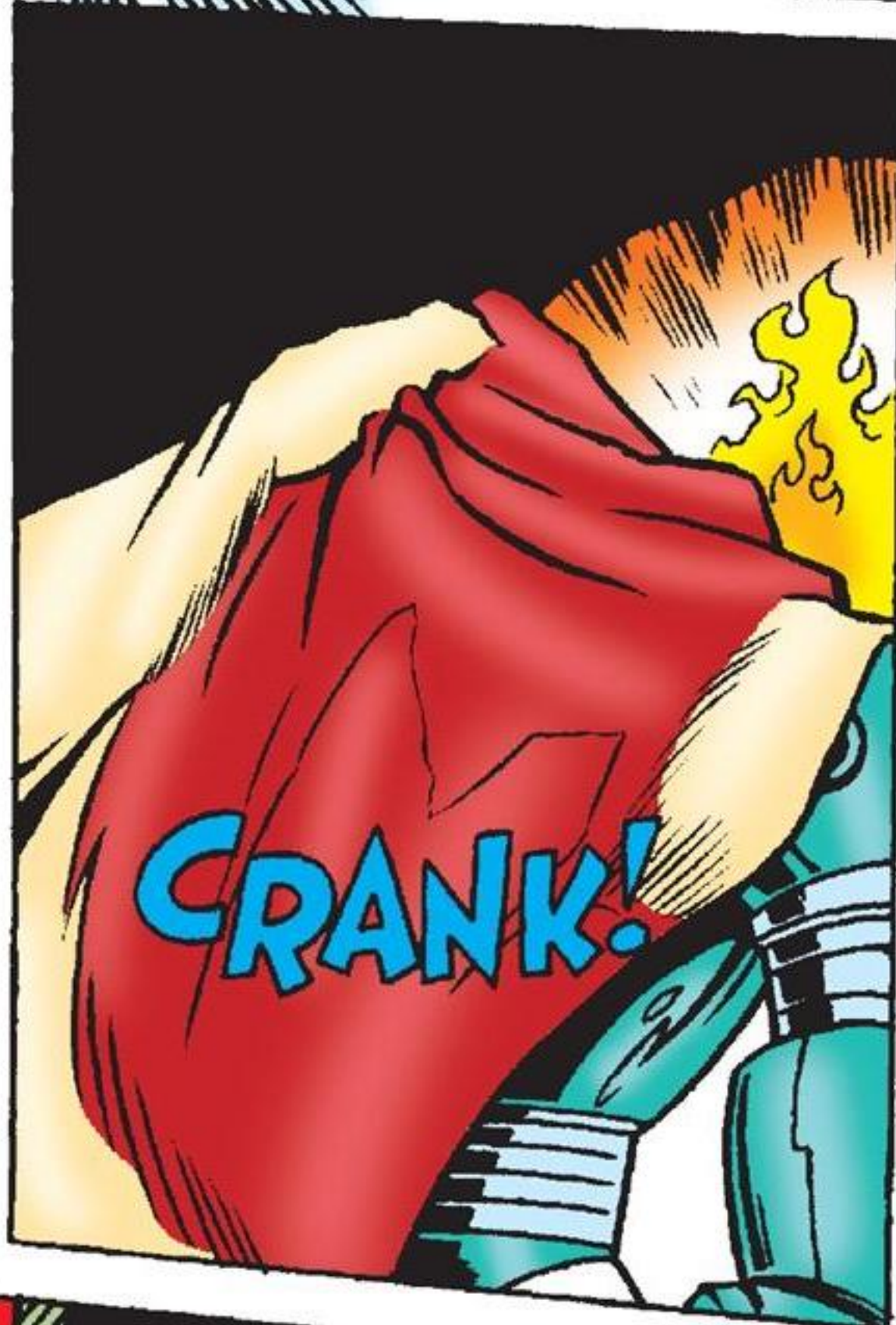
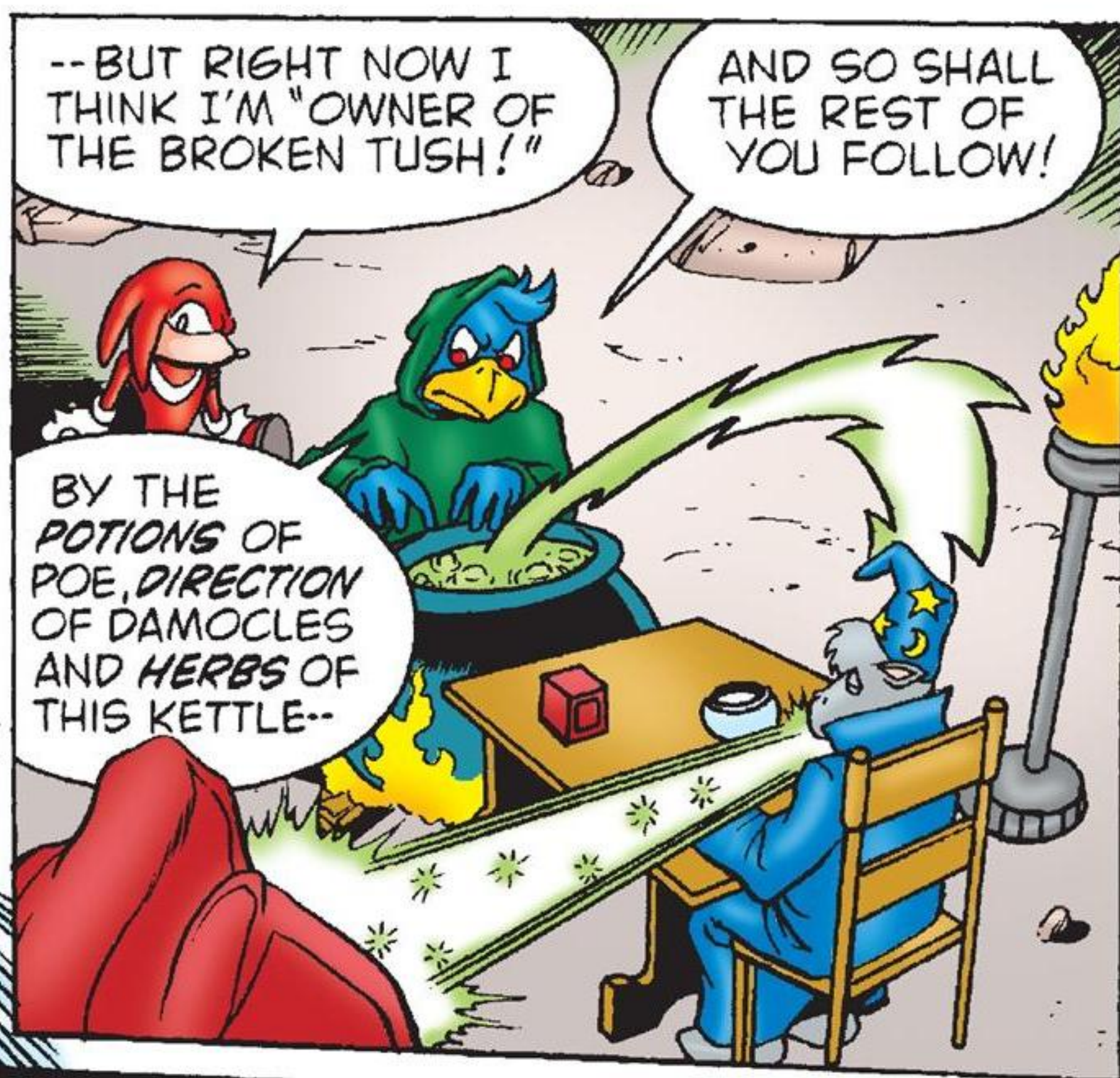
* BACK IN *SONIC* #42 -- ED

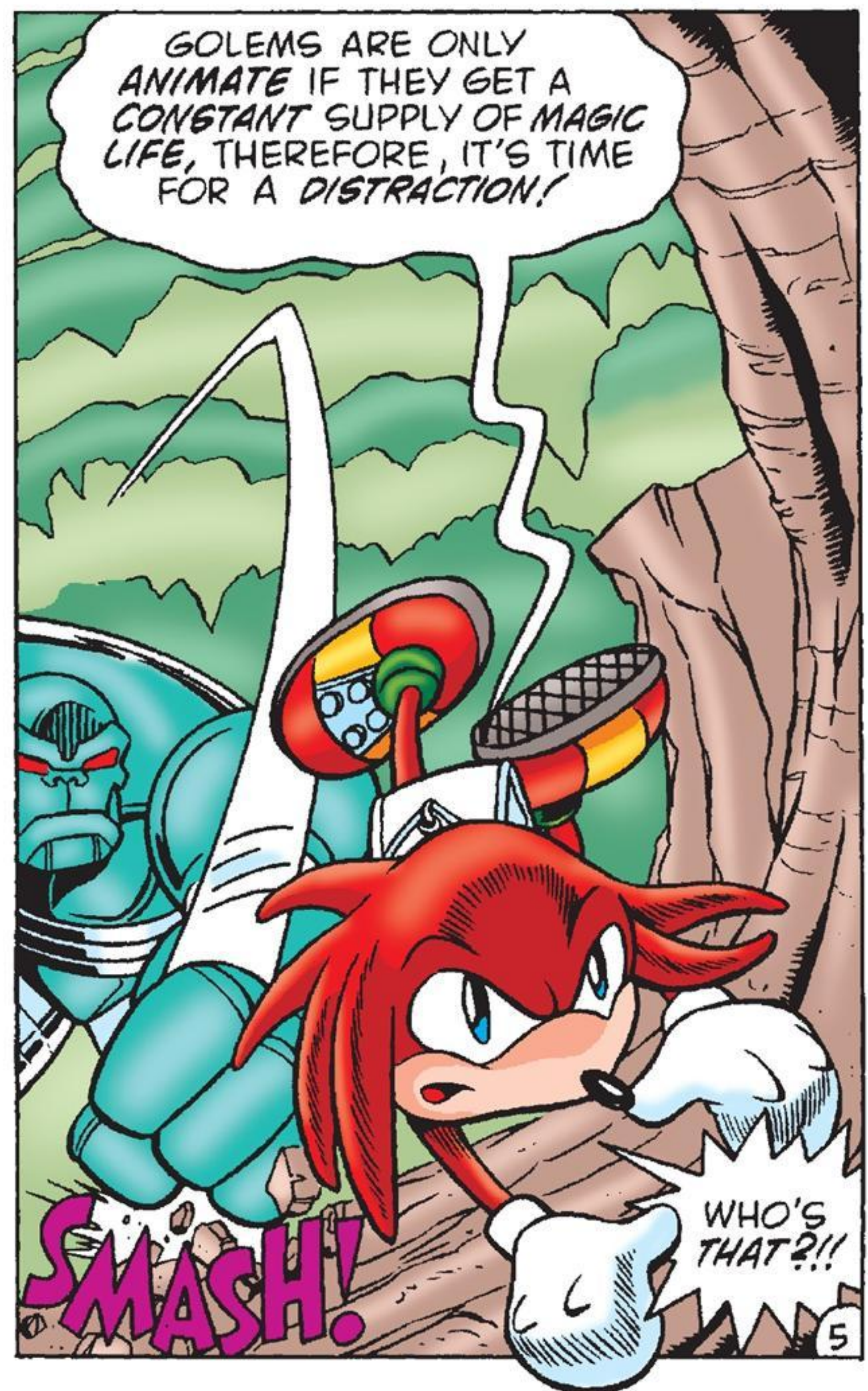
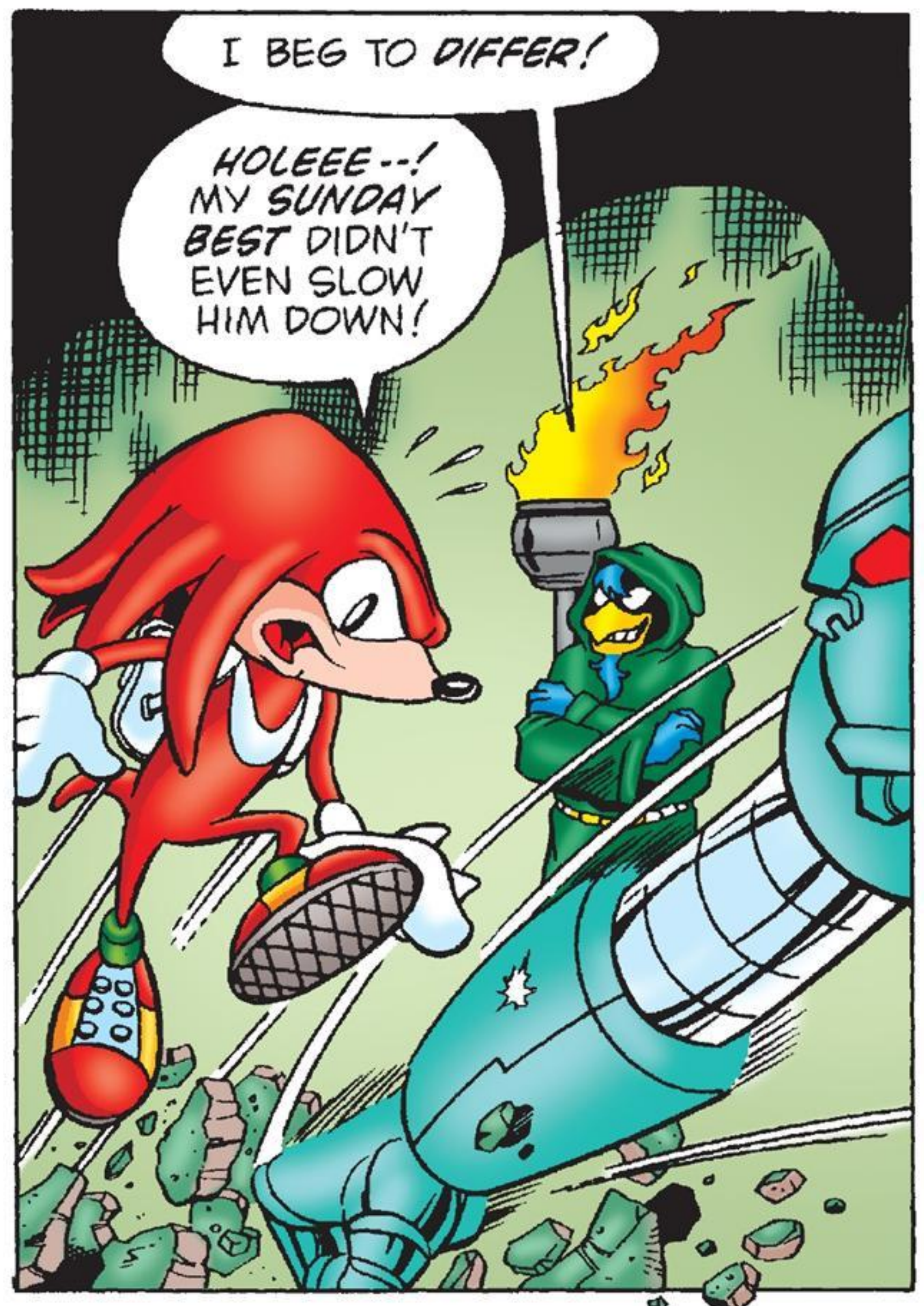
"BASED ON *WHERE* I FOUND
THEM, I'LL BET THEY'RE
ALSO -- *MATHIAS POE* AND
DAMOCLES THE ELDER!"

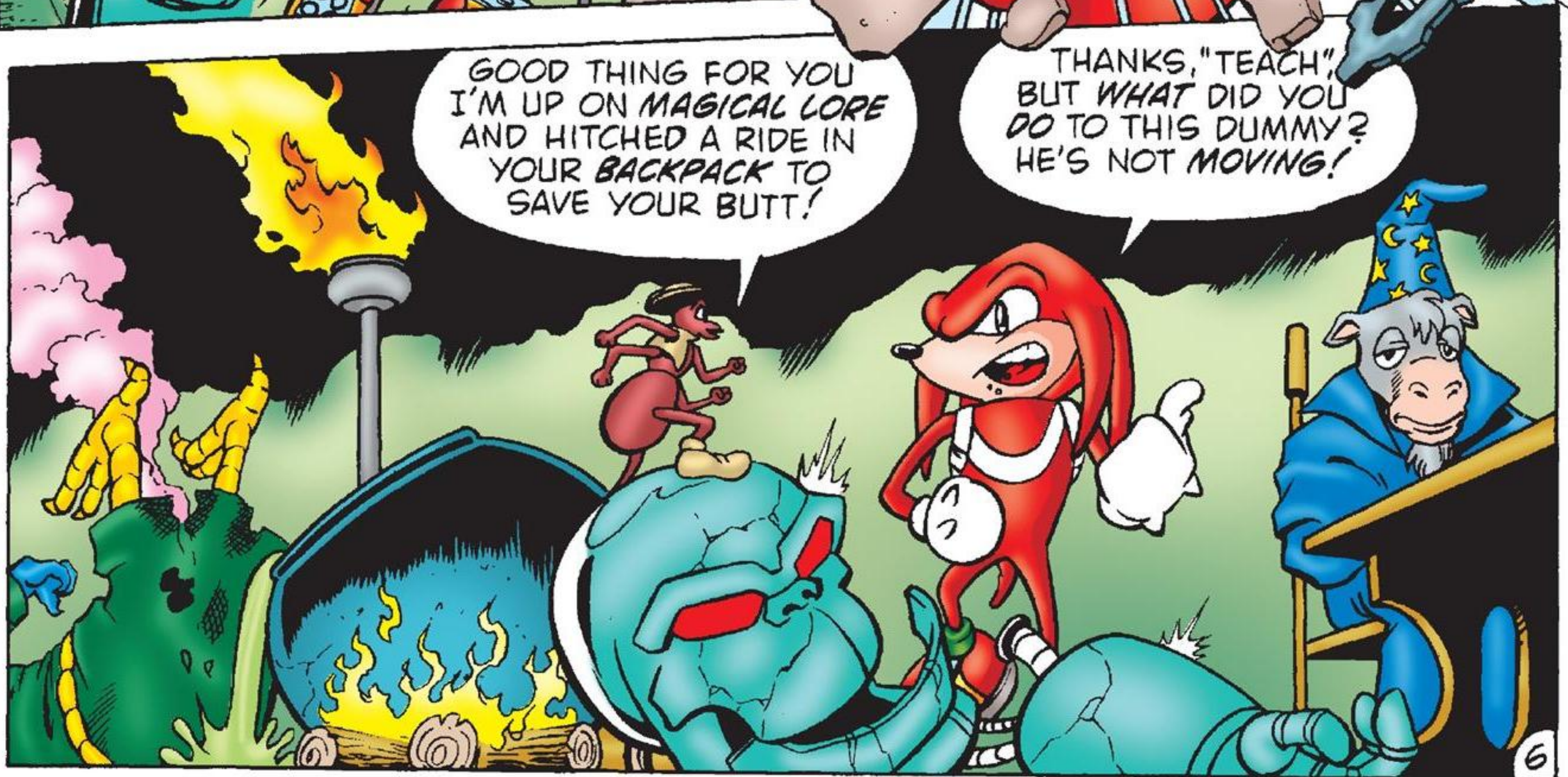
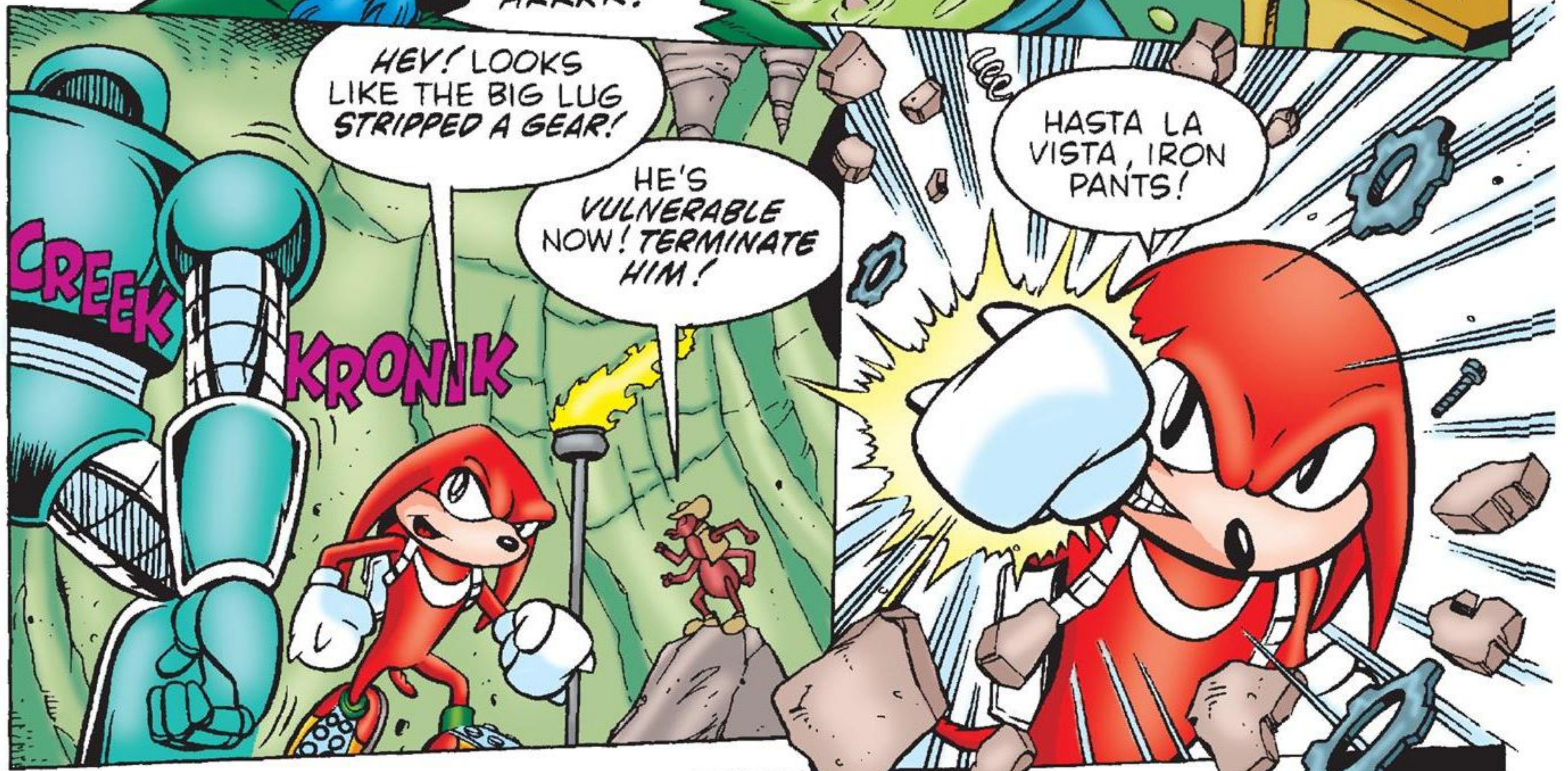
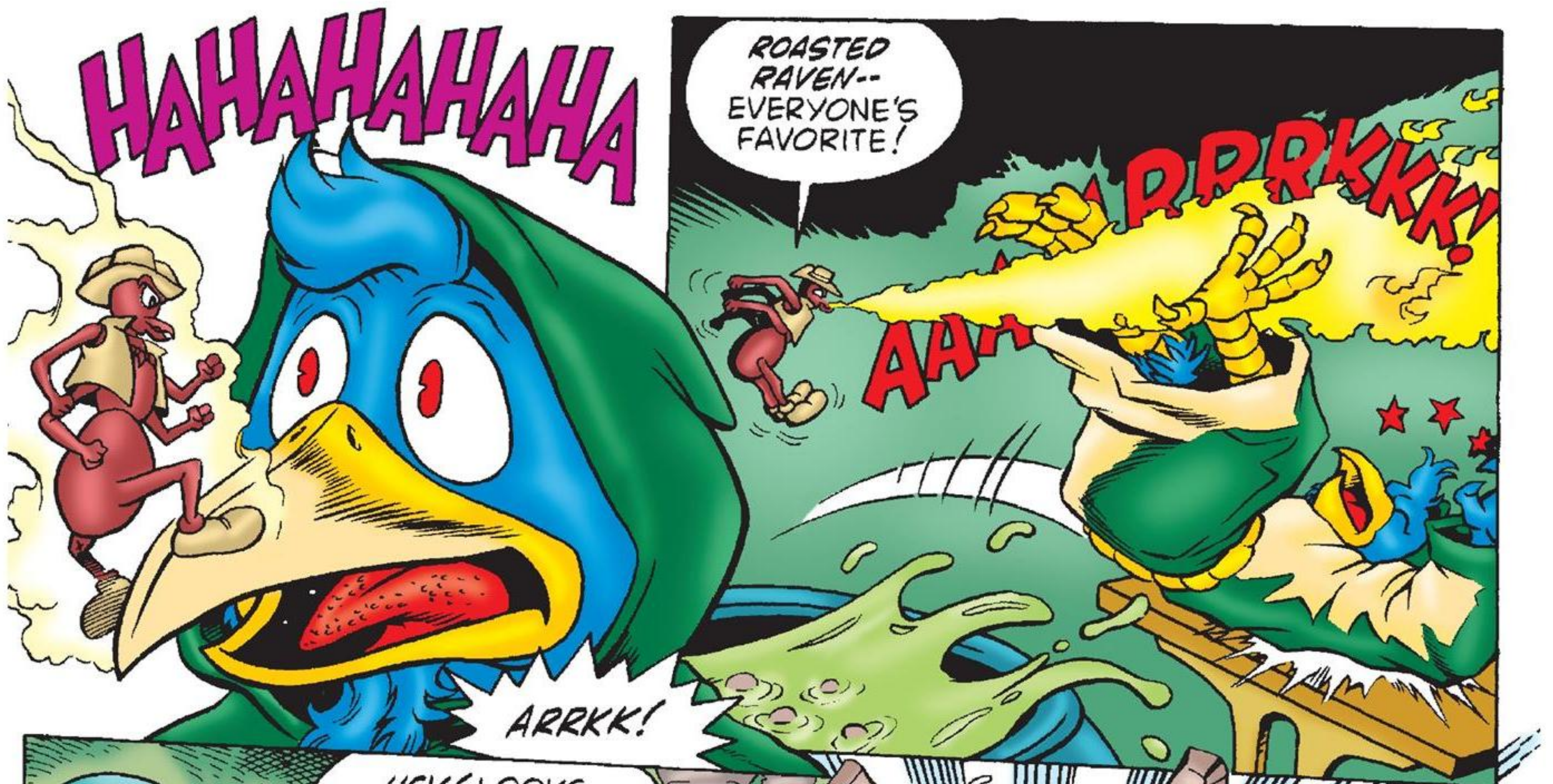
THAT REFLECTION IS SHORT-LIVED,
AS THE SAME *CIRCUMSTANCE* THAT
BROUGHT *KNUCKLES* HERE ALSO
COMPROMISES HIS *STRATEGIC POSITION*

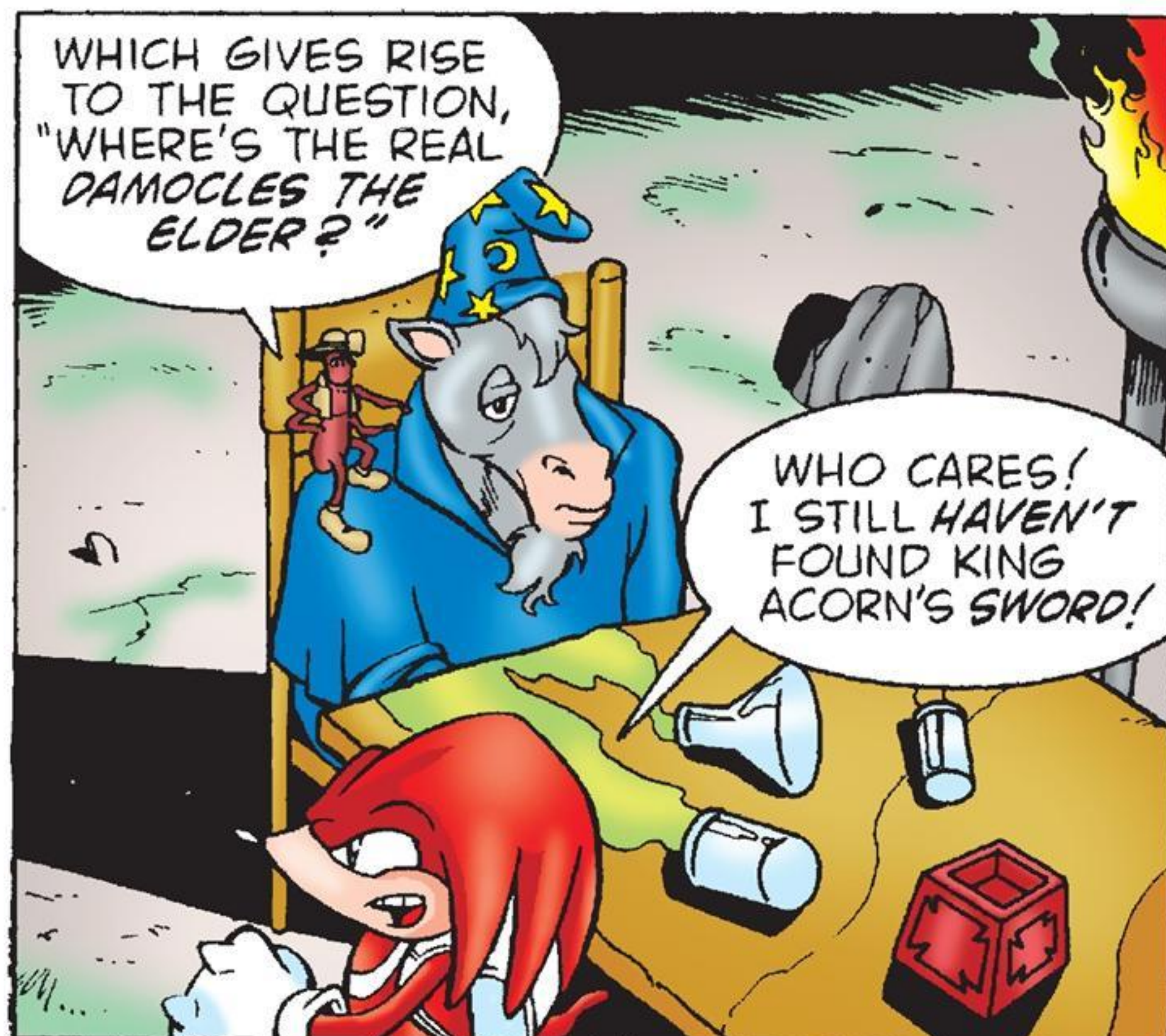
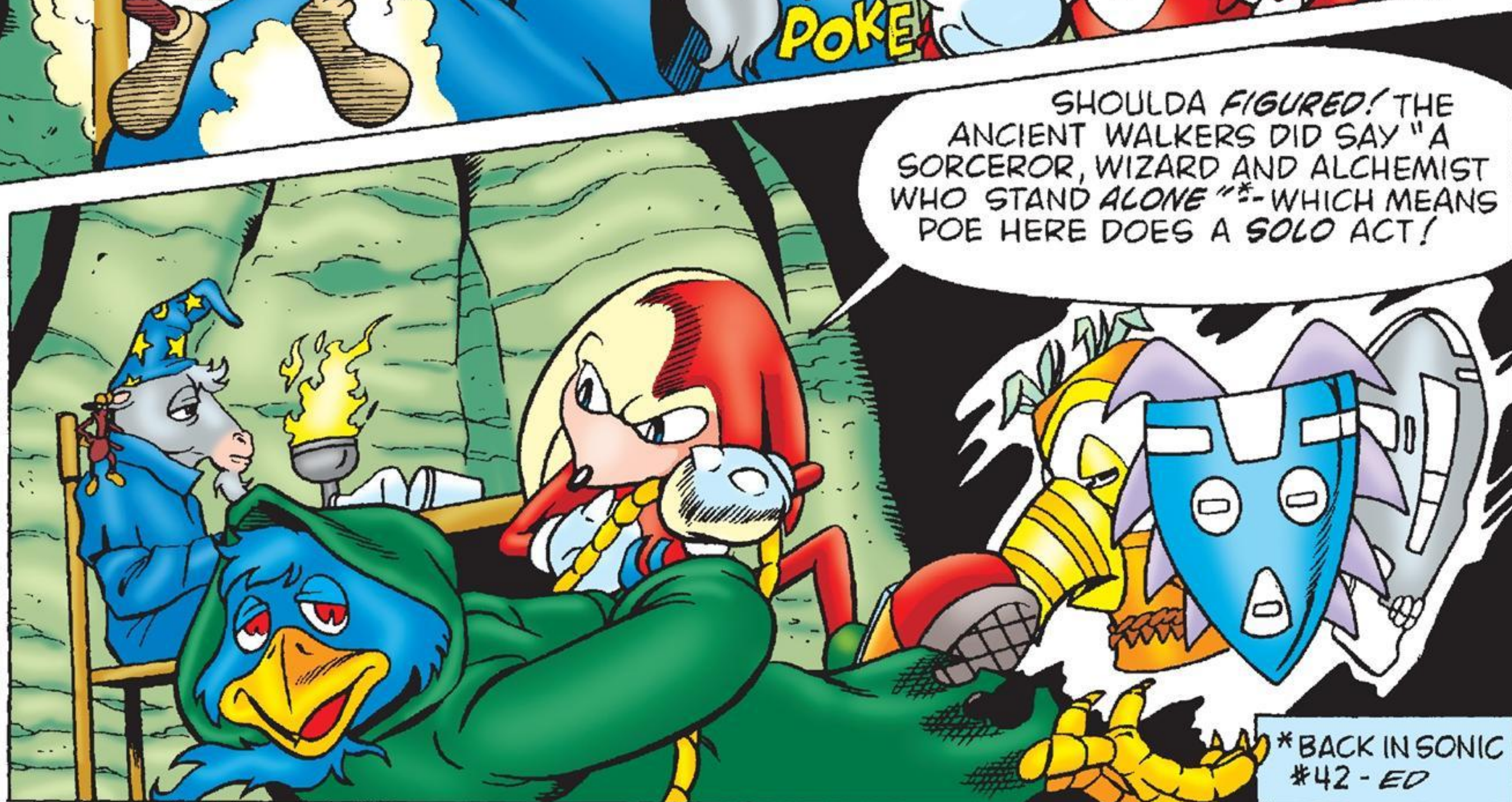
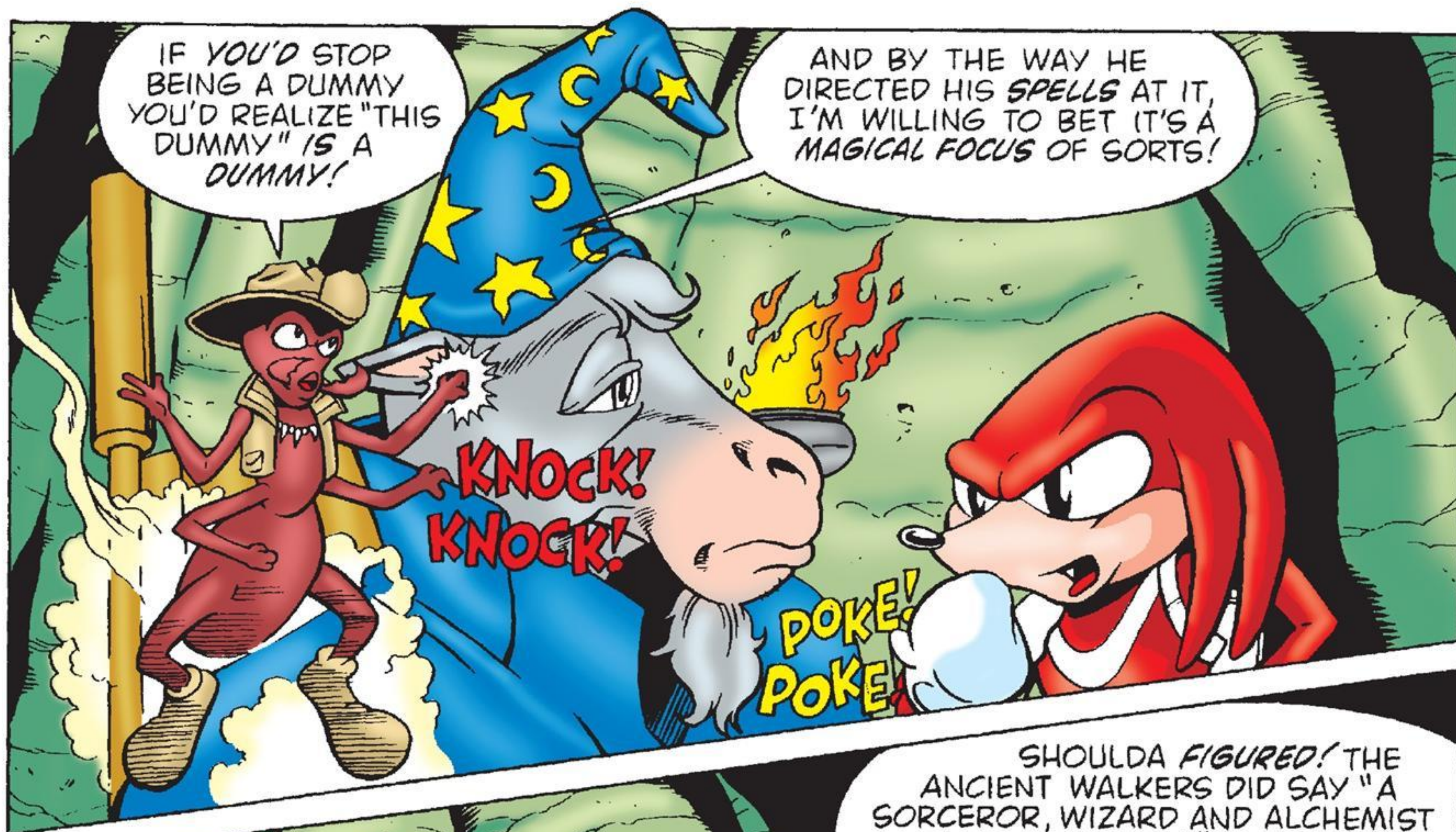
TIME FOR A LITTLE
SUR-PRIZE ATT--

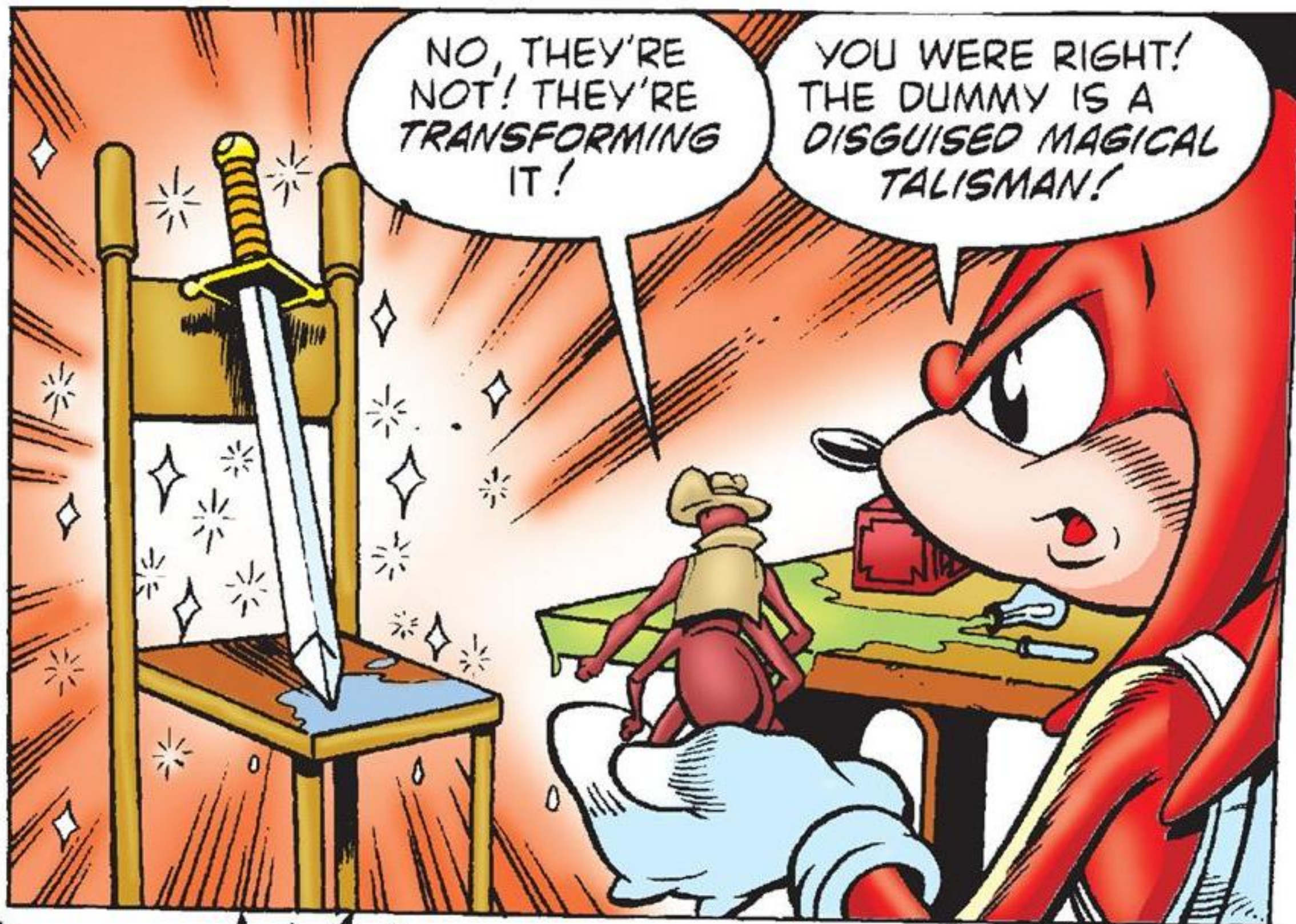
WHOA!











NO, THEY'RE NOT! THEY'RE TRANSFORMING IT!

YOU WERE RIGHT! THE DUMMY IS A DISGUISED MAGICAL TALISMAN!

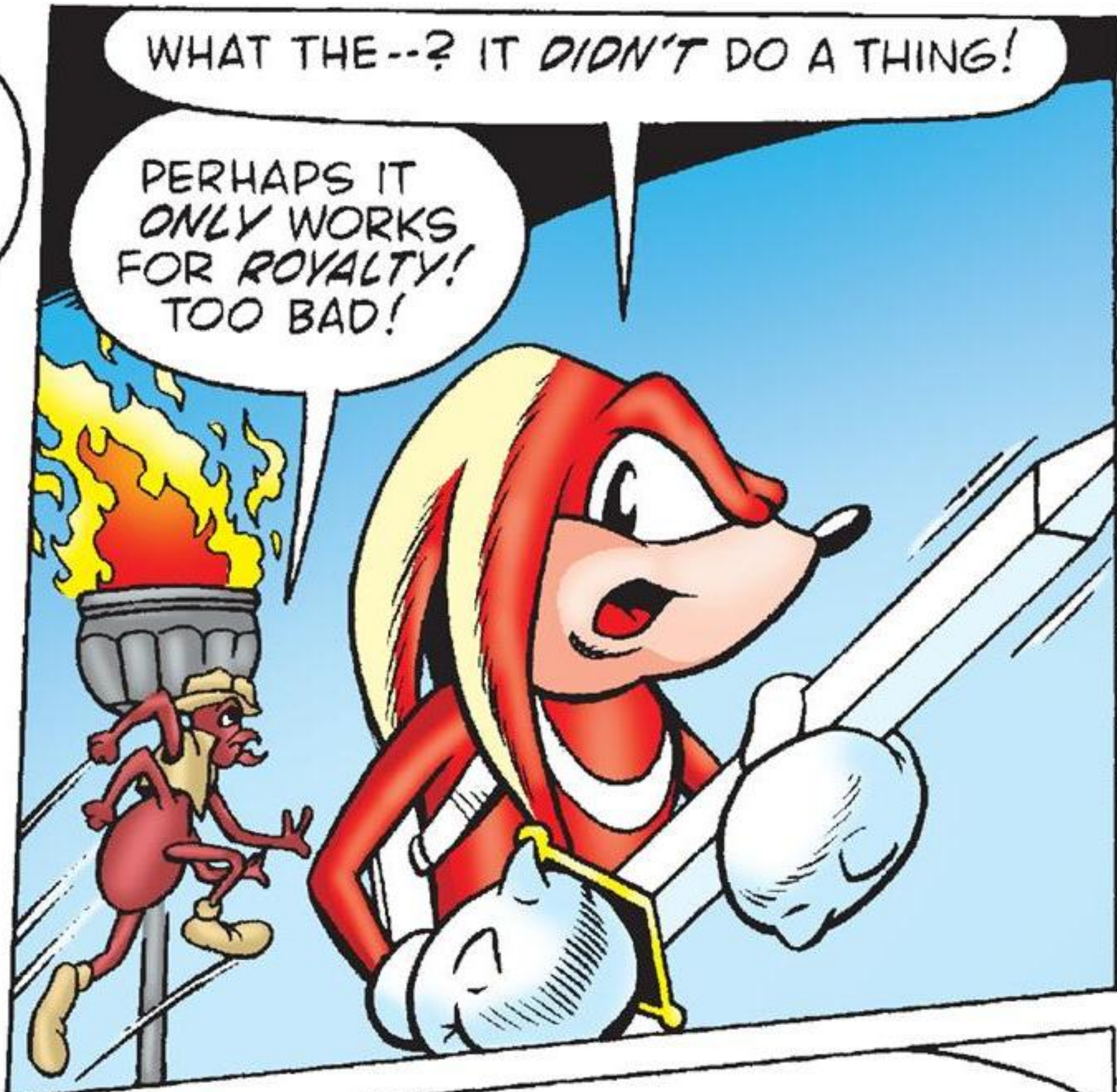


ALL ALONG IT WAS REALLY-- THE SWORD OF ACORNS!



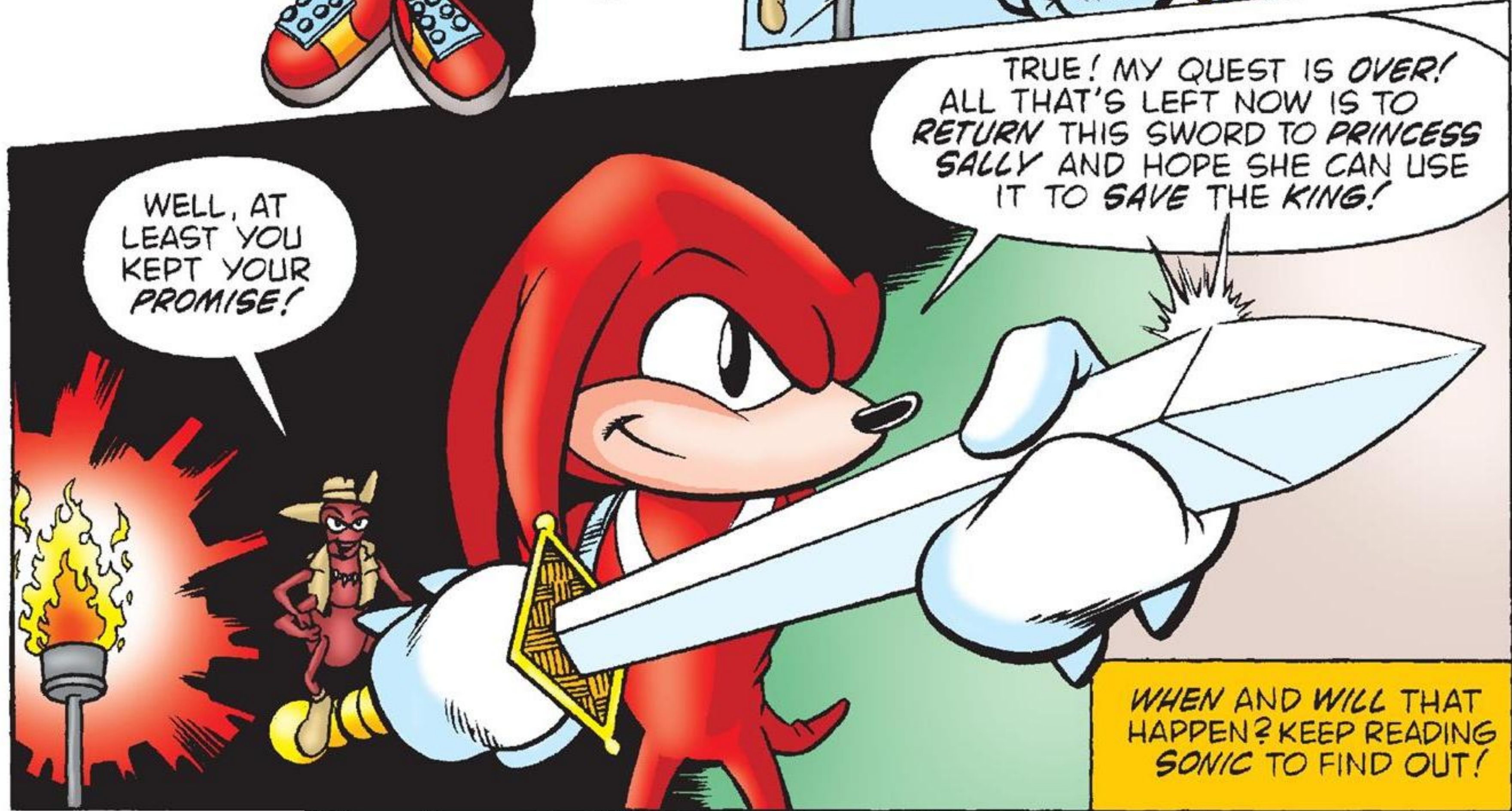
I FINALLY GOT IT!

OKAY, TAKE ME TO THE HALL OF LIMBO! SHOW ME THE CROWN OF ACORNS!



WHAT THE--? IT DIDN'T DO A THING!

PERHAPS IT ONLY WORKS FOR ROYALTY! TOO BAD!



WELL, AT LEAST YOU KEPT YOUR PROMISE!

TRUE! MY QUEST IS OVER! ALL THAT'S LEFT NOW IS TO RETURN THIS SWORD TO PRINCESS SALLY AND HOPE SHE CAN USE IT TO SAVE THE KING!

WHEN AND WILL THAT HAPPEN? KEEP READING SONIC TO FIND OUT!